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THE KWANGSI COUP.

RAPID ADVANCE ON THE WEST RIVER.

CANTON EXPECTED TO FALL WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

A CABLE CENSORSHIP.

It seems certain to-day that General Wang Shao-hung's coup will prove effective, and that Canton will fall into the hands of the Kwangsi armies within two or three days. The fall of Shuihung, which was regarded as the key position on the West River, has caused the utmost consternation in Canton, and rumours are rife.

The military authorities have taken vigorous steps to prevent alarm from spreading. The wireless and telegraph stations have been seized and news of developments since last night has been impossible to obtain.

Our Canton correspondent endeavoured to despatch a lengthy cable on the situation yesterday afternoon, but a censorship has been established at the Telegraph Administration, and orders have been given that no political news of any description may be transmitted.

We learn, however, on reliable authority, that Wang Shao-hung's rapid advance on Canton continues. The city of Hoi Hau, just above Samshui, was occupied by the Kwangsi forces yesterday morning, and it is thought that by this time, Samshui, only thirty miles from Canton, will have been captured.

The Canton forces, according to a naval wireless message, are in retreat.

Fighting is taking place on the East River, causing the stoppage of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. General Hau King-tong's forces are reported to have taken Tungkun, some forty miles from Canton, while Sheldung has declared its independence.

AMERICAN REFUGEES AT WUCHOW.

Canton, May 8.
Great excitement prevails in the city as a result of all manner of rumours which are current regarding the Kwangsi attack on Canton. It is extremely difficult to get reliable information regarding the situation, but it is clear that considerable anxiety is felt in official circles.

The capture of Shuihung by the Kwangsi troops is undoubtedly a big blow to the Canton officials, for it is the gateway to the West River and the Canton delta and it was here that the Canton troops had hoped to make a stand.

Opinion here is that Canton may be expected to fall within the next two or three days, possibly without fighting in or near the city.

Popular Feeling.

There is no doubt that feeling amongst the merchants and the people generally is in favour of Kwangsi, whose forces would be welcomed in Canton. Only the military authorities appear willing to remain loyal to Nanking.

Central Bank notes, which have been declining rapidly during the past few days, are now almost useless, and it is expected that the Bank will close its doors at any moment.

It is reported that yesterday both the Navy and the Air Force declared their neutrality, having refused to participate in operations against Kwangsi.

H.M.S. Moorhen is now on her way up to Wuchow to relieve H.M.S. Tarantula, which will return to Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Kwangsi Thrust.

Canton, May 8.
Excitement is intense here, following the news of the rapid advance of the Kwangsi troops on the West River.

Rumours prevail that the Kwangsi forces have reached a point as far east as Hoi Hau, which is just beyond Samshui.

There are very few troops left in Canton, and this fact adds to the apprehensions felt.

American women and children who were ordered out of Kwelin on consular instructions are now held up at Wuchow.—An Occasional Correspondent.

Reports from Chinese sources state that the Kwangsi forces are attacking not only from the West River districts but also from north-western Kwangtung, in the Tsing Yun district.

Practically all the available troops from Canton have been sent to Hoi Hau, where it is hoped that the onrush of the Kwangsi forces may be stayed. It is generally felt, however, that there is little hope of the attackers being kept back.

The Canton Government is reported to have made an urgent request to the Nanking Government to send down a full Division of troops to Kwangtung.

Two Nanking gunboats, the Hai Yung and the Hai Chau, with Central Government troops aboard, are expected to reach Canton some time today. General Li Ming-shui is in command of these troops. It is interesting to note that General Li was formerly a keen supporter of the Kwangsi cause and that it was his defection which led to the Nanking forces being able to capture Hankow at the critical stage of the war with Wuhan.

Another Chinese report states that the Central Bank in Canton has already closed its doors, the Finance Ministry stating that this action, which is temporary, is necessitated owing to the demand for war funds. Chinese making payments to the Treasury are required to pay 80 per cent. in silver.

FIGHTING ALONG RAILWAY.

Within Forty Miles of Canton.

Canton, May 8.
The stoppage of the Canton-Kowloon railway service is due to the fact that fighting has broken out in the East River district at Tungkun, which is situated on the railway some 40 miles from Canton.

The attacking troops are, as already reported, believed to be those of General Hau King-tong, and already these forces are said to have made considerable progress in their march on Canton.

All motor buses and many cars have been commandeered by the Canton Government, and these vehicles are being utilised for the transportation of troops along the new eastern road to meet the attackers.

It is difficult to get precise information regarding the developments in this region.—Our Own Correspondent.

Troops Pouring Back.

Chinese reports state that although Canton is sending out troops to oppose the advance from the East River, other troops have been pouring back into the city from Sheldung and other districts.

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WILL BRITAIN BE THE GOAT?

STRONG OBJECTIONS BEING RAISED.

MR. YOUNG'S REPARATION PLAN CONDEMNED.

"CRITICAL MOMENT."

London, May 8.

Mr. Owen Young's amazing suggestion that Great Britain should be the reparations goat is practically the sole topic of conversation in political circles to-day, and the Labour Party, which has recently been attacking the war debts settlements, and stressing the burden thereby imposed on the British taxpayer, has seized upon the opportunity eagerly.

The subject was brought up in the House of Commons by Colonel Wedgwood (Lab. Newcastle) who asked whether Mr. Winston Churchill had any communication to make from the British delegates to the Reparations Committee of Experts, and why the Committee was dealing with the Spa percentages.

Asked to Wait.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, the Under-Secretary to the Treasury, on behalf of Mr. Churchill, asked Col. Wedgwood to repeat his question to-morrow. In the meantime, Mr. Churchill would consider whether he was able to make a statement.

In a supplementary question, Col. Wedgwood asked whether the British representatives were without information or instructions at this most critical moment.

The Speaker asked Col. Wedgwood to await the statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"Cannot Wait."

Col. Wedgwood: "We cannot wait. If we wait until to-morrow, this country may be committed to another gift to the French people. Why is Mr. Churchill not in his place?"

Mr. Samuel explained that the question only reached the Treasury during the afternoon. It was impossible to get the necessary information in the time given.

It is learned that the Committee of Experts met in formal session in Paris to-day. It was expected that its deliberations would throw further light on the suggestions for settlement of the deadlock, even though it seems obvious that under Mr. Owen Young's plan they would operate most unfavourably for Britain.

Surprise Expressed.

The Experts having met primarily to determine the amount that Germany can pay in reparations, much surprise is expressed that a revision of the Spa percentages should be ventured, and particularly that the suggested variations should be made almost entirely at the expense of Britain, which has already made the greatest sacrifices.

The British Press strongly emphasises that whatever reduction is allowed to Germany should be borne proportionately by all parties in receipt of German reparations.

Still Hoping.

The whole question being still under examination and discussion, hopes are entertained in London that an agreement will eventually be reached which will safeguard the principle of the Balfour Note, and will leave undisturbed the percentages agreed to at the Spa Conference in 1925.

Any other view will certainly be unacceptable to Great Britain.

Saving the Conference.

A cable from Paris says that following upon Sir Josiah Stamp's unhesitating disapproval of Mr. Owen Young's reparation plan, there seems ground to suppose that Britain is willing to make some concession with regard to the proposed reduced German annuity, but consider the sacrifices should be proportionate all round.

There is reason to believe that a counter-proposal is being prepared by the "countries interested" (among which Britain would logically figure) for the distribution of the Allied shares, which will be submitted to Mr. Young.

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MOTOR TAXATION PROPOSALS.

A. A. COMMITTEE AGAINST THE HORSE-POWER TAX.

MEMBERS MAY MEET.

We understand that the Hongkong Automobile Association has had under consideration the proposals recently put forward by a Government-appointed Committee for the revision of the system of taxation of motor vehicles.

The Committee of the Association met on Tuesday evening and discussed the proposals at some length, after which a sub-committee was appointed to deal with the matter and to place the views of the Association before the Government.

It is learned that the Committee of the Association is opposed to the suggested horse-power tax.

The whole question is still being gone into by the sub-committee appointed on Tuesday, and we understand that, if necessary, a special meeting of members of the Association will be convened for the purpose of ascertaining the views of local motorists.

Should such a meeting be held, details regarding the date and place of meeting will be notified later.

BREAKING UP WHEAT CORNER.

EUROPE DECLINES TO BUY AT POOL PRICES.

London, May 8.

The London newspapers to-day give prominence to a sudden price in the fall of wheat, especially in Canada, where there is a serious congestion of grain owing to lack of orders from overseas.

The development is attributed primarily to attempts by the Canadian and Australian wheat pools to hold up supplies and to Europe refusing to buy at their prices.

Meanwhile a huge amount of Argentine grain has been landed at Liverpool at lower prices than is asked for Canadian wheat.—Reuter.

BURIAL IN NANKING OF SUN YAT-SEN.

GENERALISSIMO LEAVING FOR PEKING.

Nanking, May 8.

It is reported that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Commander-in-Chief, will leave for Peking on May 18th or 19th, to accompany the remains of Sun Yat-sen to Nanking.

Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late revolutionary leader, is leaving for the North in a few days.

The members of the Government, who will probably leave for Peking with Chiang Kai-shek include Mr. Tai Chiao-tao and Dr. Wang Chung-hui.—Reuter.

KANSU REBELLION SUPPRESSED.

Ninghsia recaptured by Feng Yu-hsiang.

Nanking, May 8.

It is reliably learned that the Kuomintang forces have routed the Mohammedan rebels operating in Kansu, and have recaptured the city of Ninghsia, where the "revolution" originated.

A large number of the Mohammedan forces have turned over to Feng Yu-hsiang's troops, and are being reorganised into the Kuomintang.—Reuter.

THE NEW DELHI BOMB OUTRAGE.

PRISONERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

New Delhi, May 8.

Baghat Singh and Buta Keshwar Dutt, who are charged with actually tempted murder, arising out of the bomb outrage in the Indian Legislative Assembly last month, have been committed for trial.—Reuter.

MARINE COURT'S STATUS.

SOLICITOR SAYS IT IS IRREGULAR.

MAGISTRATE REFUSES TO REHEAR CASE.

INTERESTING POINTS.

There was, at the Marine Court this morning, an echo of the recent case in which Mr. Chow Jar-hoo, Manager of the San Nam Steamship Co., was fined \$1,000 for interfering with the navigation of the s.s. Charles Hardouin.

It will be recalled that Mr. Chow was summoned at the instance of Mr. A. G. Corbin, the former Chief Officer of the steamer, for going on the bridge without the permission of the officer on duty and interfering with the navigation of the ship.

At the original hearing, Mr. F. H. Losby represented the defendant, while Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was for the complainant. Mr. Hall Brutton was in Court this morning accompanied by Capt. T. Laurensen, of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

This morning, Mr. Leo d'Almada applied for a rehearing of the case, on technical grounds, but the application was refused by the Hon. Commander G. F. H. H. R.N., Marine Magistrate.

Three Grounds.

Mr. d'Almada's application was based on three points: (1) that the summons was issued by the Deputy Harbour Master, Command. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., who, Mr. d'Almada contended, was not a Magistrate; (2) Mr. Chow Jar-hoo was summoned to appear at the Magistrate's Office, which Mr. d'Almada argued was not the Marine Court; and (3) the seal under which the summons was issued was the one ordinarily used by the Harbour Office in general.

In addressing the Court at some length, Mr. d'Almada questioned Command. Newill's right to issue summonses, which he argued, should be issued by the Magistrate himself.

"There is a point which I desire to make," said Mr. d'Almada. "I shall leave it entirely to your Worship as to whether I am right, but my point is that there is no permanent or regular Marine Court in this Colony."

Magistrate's Decision.

His Worship, in giving his decision, said: "Having heard the evidence for the prosecution and no evidence being tendered by the defence and having heard the solicitor for the defendant, I convicted the defendant on the charge of 'obstructing, impeding, or molesting' under Section 237 (Sub. Sec. 2) of the Merchants Shipping Act 1894, and imposed a fine of \$10,000. This fine was paid. Later, an application was made to review my decision. In support of such application, the following submissions have been made on behalf of the defendant:

1. That the document purporting to be the summons is defective in that (a) in form it is not the summons of a Court, but is a notice issued from the Marine Magistrate's office; (b) it is not signed by a Marine Magistrate; (c) it is not properly sealed; (d) the words 'did without lawful permission of the officer in charge go onto the navigation bridge of the said ship,' do not indicate any offence under the section quoted.

2. That I, as Marine Magistrate, and the only Marine Magistrate, had no power to hear and determine the case.

3. That a proper Court to hear and determine the case could only be formed under Section 19 under the Merchants Shipping Ordinance 1899, and that no such Court is or was in existence.

On the above submissions, I have been referred to (1) Government Notification No. 79, of February 11th, 1927, as to the appointment of Commander Newill as a 'Magistrate'; (2) Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Magistrate's Ordinance of 1890; (3) Gazette Notification of July 24th, 1924, as to my appointment as Marine Magistrate; (4) the definition of 'Magistrate' in the Interpretation Ordinance of 1911; (5) Sub-Section 2A, and 2B, of Section 41.

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HUGE BRITISH WAR PENSIONS.

MORE THAN FRANCE AND GERMANY COMBINED.

IMPRESSIVE FIGURES.

London, May 8.
In a debate in the House of Commons to-day on the vote for the Ministry of Pensions, Major Tryon, Minister of Pensions, said it was still almost the largest single vote for any of our great Departments.

The Ministry's work affected the weekly budget of about one million families. The number of their beneficiaries was about one and a half millions.

At the end of the current year, we should have spent, since the beginning of the war—that was in the last fifteen years—no less than £913,000,000 on War Pensions. He had taken pains to ascertain how this compared with the expenditure of other great countries who, along with us, were most heavily engaged in the Great War. He found that, as compared with our £913,000,000, France had spent approximately £500,000,000 and Germany approximately £400,000,000, so that we had spent roughly an amount on pensions equal to those two great countries combined. Unlike other countries, we had adjusted our scale of pensions to meet the enhanced price of cost of commodities, so that the pensioner should not suffer.

He estimated that for the next few years the expenditure on pensions would be about £45,000,000 per year.—British Wireless.

NEW PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES.

WOMEN STILL HEAD THE VOTERS' LISTS.

London, May 8.

Another batch of 28 constituencies have registered their new electorates at Somerset House to-day, bringing the total number of constituencies for which returns have been received to 402.

These constituencies have an aggregate electorate of 19,711,622, in which women voters, numbering 10,441,214, have a majority of 1,170,906.—British Wireless.

[There are, in all, 615 seats in Parliament, and at the last General Election the total number of voters on the register was 21,730,988.]

AMERICAN SENATE IN "REVOLT."

HOOVER'S FARM RELIEF WISHES IGNORED.

Washington, May 8.

Ignoring President Hoover's wishes, the Senate to-day resolved to retain the controversial Export Denature Plan contained in the Farm Relief Bill, and which was banned by the House of Representatives.

President Hoover has condemned the clause as a most unsatisfactory solution of the farmers' difficulties. It is regarded as a kind of bounty, or a thinly-disguised subsidy.—Reuter's American Service.

THE KING TO LEAVE BOGNOR.

BOUND FOR WINDSOR CASTLE NEXT WEEK.

London, May 8.

It is learned officially that His Majesty the King will leave Craigwell House, Bognor, for Windsor Castle on Wednesday next, May 15th.

His Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen.

The Court will remain at Windsor until the General Election is over.—Reuter.

DEAD SEA SALTS.

London, May 8.

Documents relating to the Dead Sea salts concession, issued to-day, show that the concession is to be for seventy-five years.—British Wireless.

THE BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE.

BRITISH PLAYER SETS THE PACE.

TEN AMERICANS IN FIRST EIGHTEEN.

END OF FIRST ROUND.

London, May 8.

Leo Diegel's record for the Muirfield course where the competition proper for the British Open Golf Championship commenced to-day, lasted no more than twenty-four hours. The new record was set to-day by Percy Alliss, a reserve for the British Ryder Cup team, who returned a brilliant card of 69.

Alliss led the field by two strokes at the end of the day's play as the result of this brilliant golf. An average of four on the course is extremely difficult to beat and Alliss's three under represents superb play.

Earlier it seemed that his feat would be forestalled by "Abe" Mitchell, one of the most popular of the British players, who went out in brilliant fashion, reeling off hole after hole with relentless accuracy. Unfortunately, perhaps, the news of his great golf spread rapidly and a huge crowd swarmed to watch him.

Immediately the crowd appeared, he made his first mistakes, and the hole cost him no fewer than seven strokes, and possibly the lead. This was at the ninth hole, and he took three putts from ten yards.

Mitchell's Great Golf.

Mitchell recovered splendidly, however, and kept the crowd delighted with a series of tremendous wooden club play which gave him a 72. He led the early field from Sarazen and Golden.

Mitchell, although recognised as one of the finest match players in the world, has never yet won the British Open, and his magnificent play has led to high hopes.

It was later that Alliss broke the course record, and then following closely on his heels were two American players, Jim Barnes and Leo Diegel, both of whom went round in 71, superseding Mitchell in the list. H. C. Jolly returned an excellent card.

The seriousness of the American challenge will be observed in the list of leaders appended. It will be seen that ten of the first eighteen players are from the United States, and these do not include Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Espinosa or Turnesa.

British Reply.

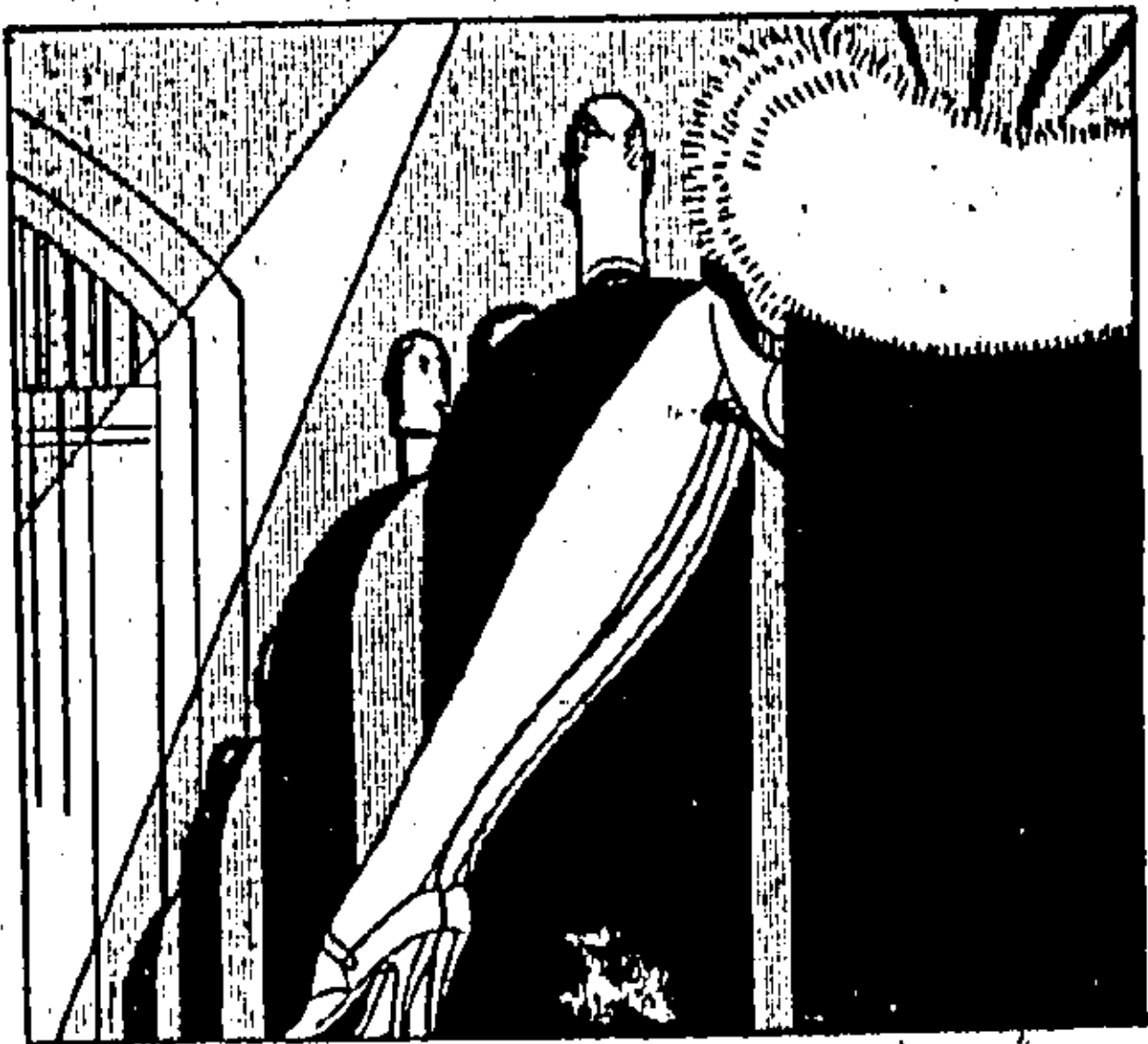
A number of less prominent British professionals backed up the defiance of Alliss, Mitchell, and Jolly to the American attack. Tom Williamson of Nottingham and Bingham of Stourbridge both getting within five strokes of the leader.

To the amateurs, Cyril Tolley and Twine (Bromley) are showing the way, both of them scoring a 74. T. P. Perkins was less successful, taking 79 strokes.

The leading scores at the end of the day's play were as follows:

Percy Alliss (Wannsee)..... 69
Leo Diegel (U.S.A.)..... 71
Jim Barnes (U.S.A.)..... 71
Abe Mitchell (private)..... 72
H. C. Jolly (Foxgrove)..... 72
B. D. Dudley (U.S.A.)..... 72
J. Farrell (U.S.A.)..... 72
T. Williamson (Nottingham)..... 73
Gene Sarazen (U.S.A.)..... 73
Macdonald Smith (U.S.A.)..... 73
Al. Watrous (U.S.A.)..... 73
M. Bingham (Stourbridge)..... 73
R. Cruikshank (U.S.A.)..... 73
A. Boomer (St. Cloud, Paris)..... 74
Cyril Tolley (Royal Liverpool)..... 74
W. T. Twine (Bromley)..... 74
Golden (U.S.A.)..... 74
W. Melhorn (U.S.A.)..... 74
F. Taggart (Winnipeg)..... 75
W. Hagen (U.S.A.)..... 75
T. Armour (U.S.A.)..... 75
Mark Seymour..... 75
C. Horton Smith (U.S.A.)..... 75
Archie Compston (Combe Hill)..... 77
Reg. Whitcombe (Parkstone)..... 77
Jose Jurado (Argentina)..... 77
O. A. Whitcombe (Crows Hill)..... 77
A. L. Espinosa (U.S.A.)..... 77
F. Robson (Cooden Beach)..... 77
G. Von Elm (U.S.A.)..... 78
J. Turnesa (U.S.A.)..... 78
G. Duncan (unattached)..... 78
T. H. Cotton (Langley Park)..... 79
T. P. Perkins (Castle Brom)..... 79

Three more rounds have to be played.—Reuter.



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THE K.O.S.B. COURT MARTIAL.

HINTS OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

When the District Court Martial continued the hearing yesterday of the charges against Corporal Charles Hendry, in connexion with the alleged embezzlement of \$1,300, the property of the President of the Regimental Institute, the Judge Advocate, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, hinted at further proceedings.

It was at the opening of the afternoon Session of the Court that the Judge advised Major Ogilvie that he need not answer questions which might be incriminating in subsequent proceedings, and Mr. Strellett continued his cross-examination of the former P. R. I.

Major Ogilvie stated that there might have been times when he personally received cash for the billiard account but it was the usual custom for the clerk to receive the money. He could not say whether he received any money between January and November of last year.

At the end of each month how did you check the entries in the billiard account?

Judge Advocate: That is not a fair question.

Mr. Strellett: Did you check the entries?

Major Ogilvie: I object to that question. I decline to answer.

Mr. Strellett: Did the accused ever give you any false or misleading explanations of the entries in the books?—Not to my knowledge. When I handed over I had no reason to believe there was anything wrong with any one of these accounts.

Do the balance sheets which are drawn up quarterly purport to show any outstanding accounts?—They do, in so far as they are known.

Major's Office Hours.

Your office opens from 8.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.?—Yes, thereabouts.

Corporal Hendry was in attendance every day during these hours?—He was sometimes on other duties.

Was he also in attendance on Sunday mornings?—Very likely. He was not obliged to.

He was also there in the afternoons?—Very likely.

In addition to his work for the P. R. I. he was also clerk to the messing officers?—Yes.

That had nothing to do with the P.R.I.?—Nothing.

He kept a different set of books?—Yes.

You have seen him working on these books?—Yes.

Further cross-examined, Major Ogilvie agreed that Corporal Hendry kept his books in a black tin box in the office, and he believed that he kept his cash in the box too, but he never checked the box.

Mr. Strellett: How long do you spend in the office on an average each day?—I was in and out, doing other jobs. I did not always sit in my office.

Did you ever stay more than one hour at a time?—I should think so.

Would it be wrong to say that the average time you spent in the office each day was half-an-hour?—Quite wrong.

Would it be true to say that for three or four days at a stretch you did not go to the office at all?

Judge Advocate: If you don't want to answer that question there is no need to.

Mr. Strellett: Is it not a fact that the routine work was left entirely to Corporal Hendry?—I prefer not to answer.

Judge Advocate to Mr. Strellett: Are you pressing for an answer?—No.

Mr. Strellett: Have you ever questioned any receipt, payment or entry during the time that Corporal Hendry was P.R.I. clerk?—I cannot say definitely.

Leading Questions.

At the audit of the accounts Corporal Hendry was present with the books and vouchers?—Yes.

Was it necessary for him to leave his office in connexion with his work in the P.R.I. office?—Yes, as messing clerk and also in connexion with his P.R.I. office duties.

Mr. Wadeson then re-examined

THE DUKE IN JAPAN.

A BOY SCOUT FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

Tokyo, May 8. Returning the compliment of the Duke of Gloucester's presentation of an Australian flag to Japanese Boy Scouts, on May 5, Prince Takamatu, in a short but impressive ceremony, to the accompaniment of a Boy Scout band playing the British and Japanese national anthems, this afternoon handed over two flags to Sir Thomas Coombe, for presentation to Australian Scouts.

Interest was attached to the ceremony by the fact that a new precedent has thus been set, as no Imperial Prince has hitherto taken a direct interest in the Scout movement.

Riding and Golf. Later.

After a strenuous round of official entertainments since his arrival on May 2, the Duke of Gloucester, despite the rain, spent the morning and afternoon riding and golfing with Princes Asaka, Konoys, Higashi Kuni and others; lunching informally at the Komazawa golf club with about thirty members.

In the evening he is giving a banquet to Japanese notables at Kasumigasaki Palace, in return for their hospitality, after which he will attend a ball at the British Embassy.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CRIME.

MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER NOW REPORTED KIDNAPPED.

Shanghai, May 8. Three fresh coups by Shanghai criminals are reported.

At the Tehakalian Confectionery, Avenue Joffre, at the closing hour, four desperadoes looted the till of \$800. No arrests have been effected.

Miss Teng, aged seven, a merchant's daughter, has been kidnapped in Route Pere Robert while on her way to school, by four highwaymen in a motor-car.

The shop of Macbeth Gray and Co., in Nanking Road, has been burgled, the thieves taking hats and men's goods valued at about \$1,000, and making a clean getaway. The front entrance was smashed, in. No-one appears to have witnessed the coup, though police were on duty nearby.

Pawnshop Raided. Five robbers made a raid on the Ya Lan pawnshop in the native city and got away with cash and jewels valued at \$50,000.

No arrests have so far been made.—Our Own Correspondent.

BOMBAY UNREST.

MOPLAHS CREATE RIOT.

Bombay, May 8. Some Moplahs, of South India, who were responsible for the serious rebellion of 1921, figured yesterday in a conflict with Hindus. Several persons were seriously injured.

The police fired, and killed one Moplah, and subsequently charged the crowds with bayonets and swords.—Reuter.

Compulsory Arbitration. Simla, May 8.

A Gazette Extraordinary announces that the Trades Disputes Act will be enforced immediately, and under this the mill dispute will forthwith be submitted to a Conciliation Board, whose decision shall be binding on both parties.—Reuter.

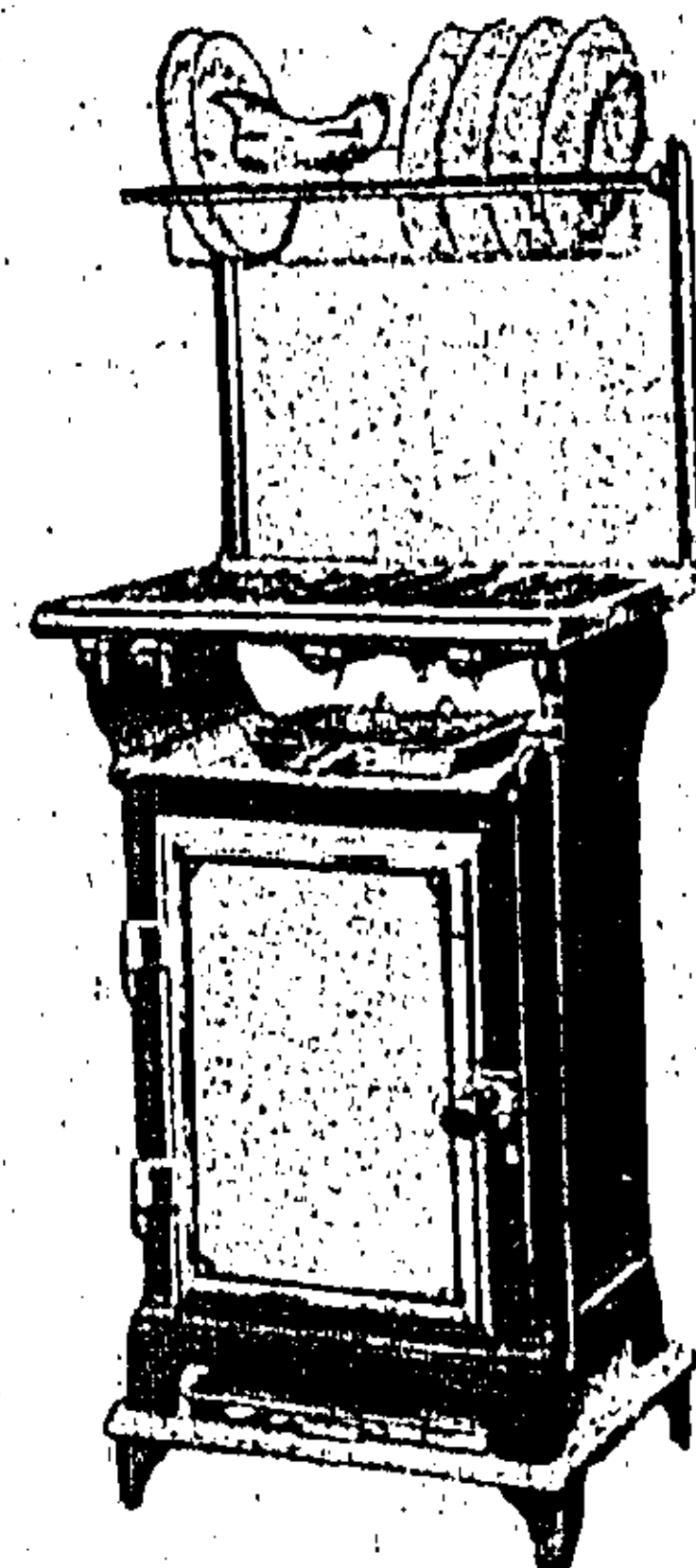
witness in connexion with his personal duties as P.R.I. and Mr. Strellett strongly objected to Counsel for the prosecution putting "leading questions" to the witness.

Judge Advocate: I have not put anything down. The Court have a full knowledge of the matter and there is no need to put this down.

The case will continue this morning.

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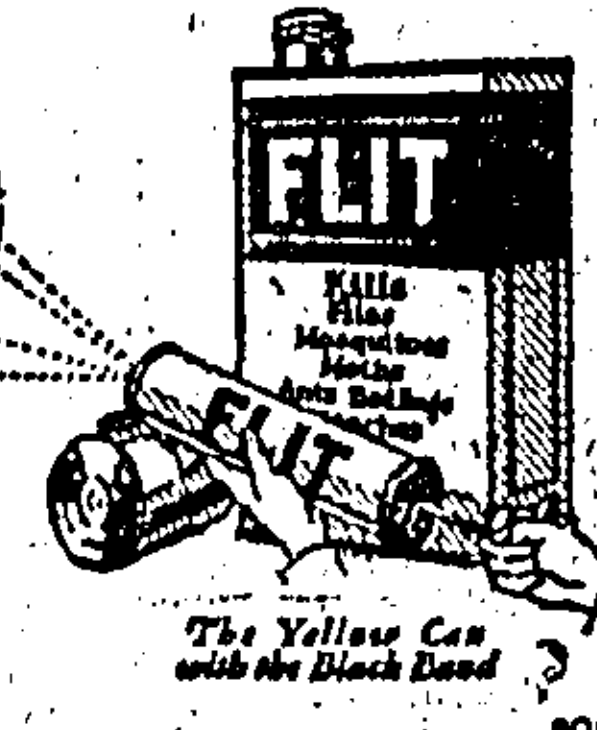
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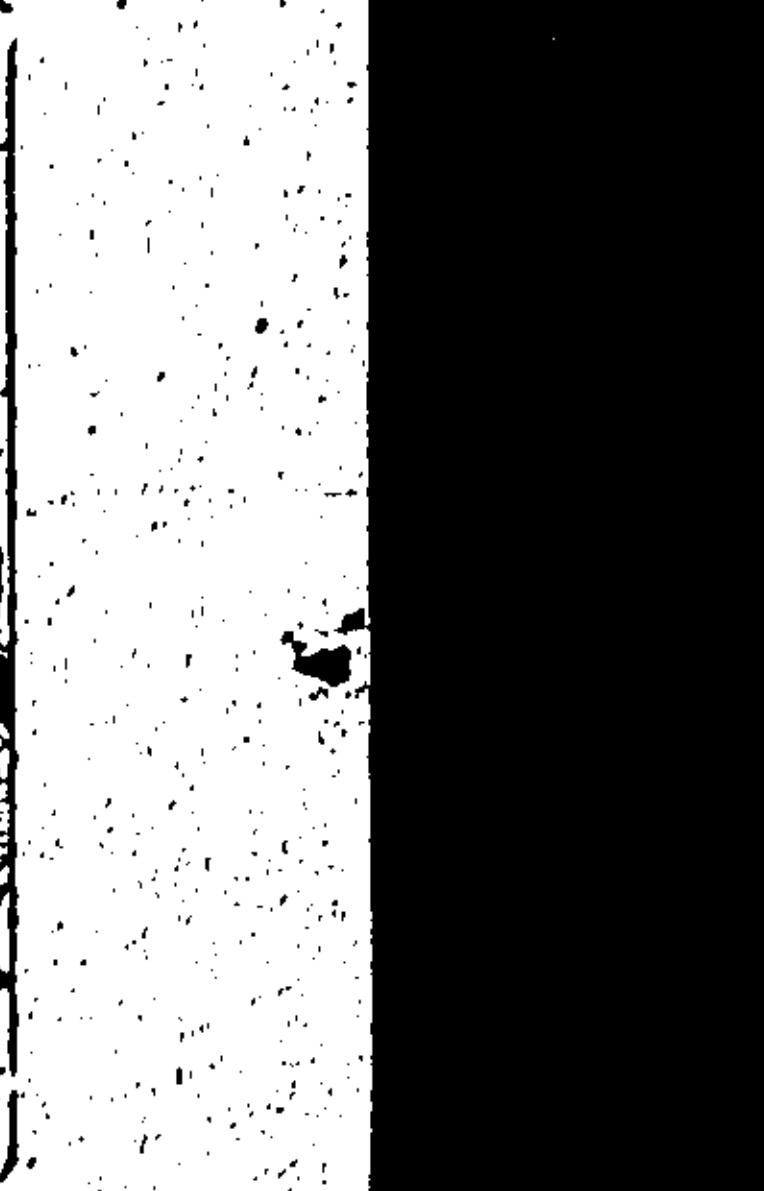
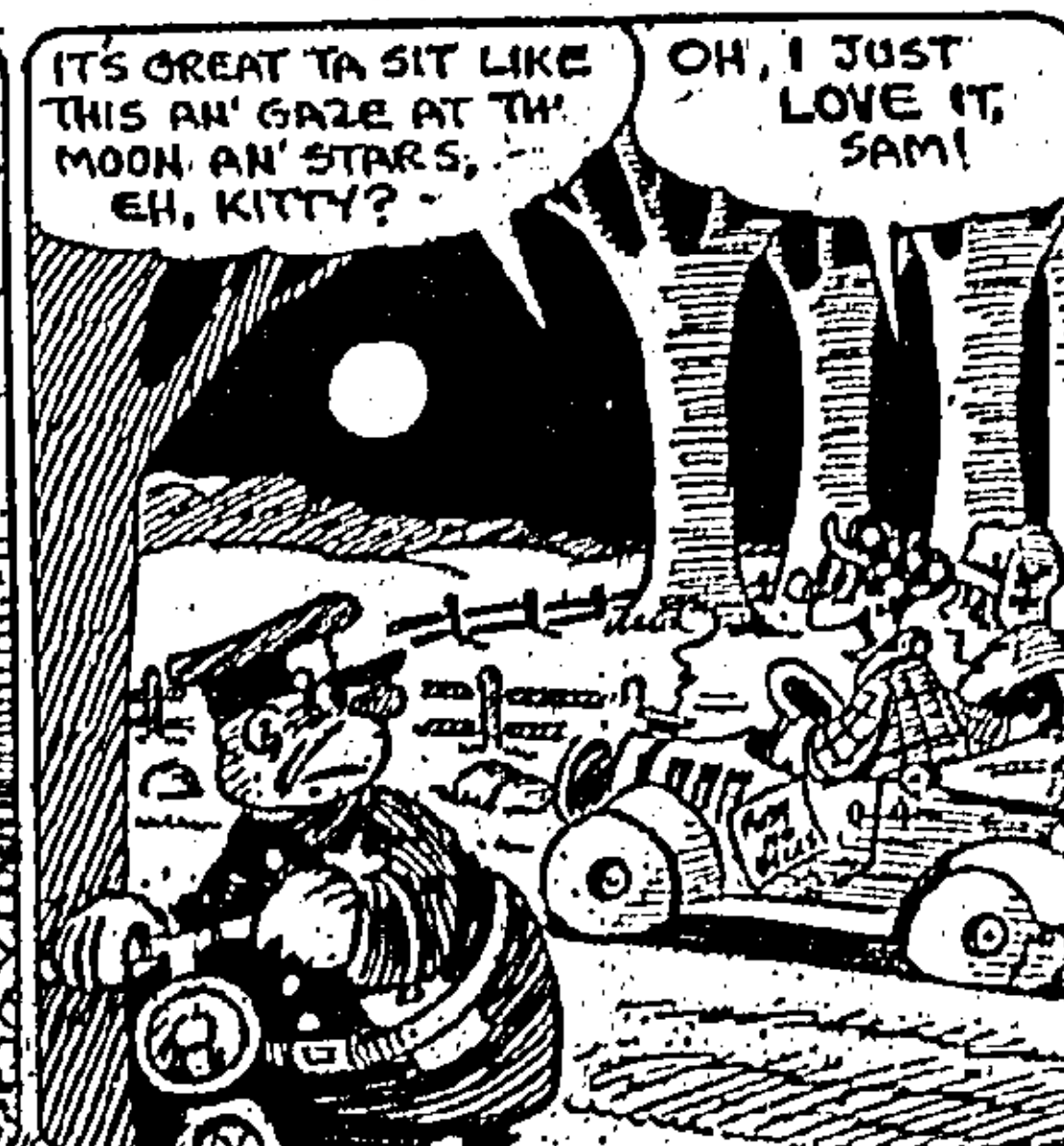


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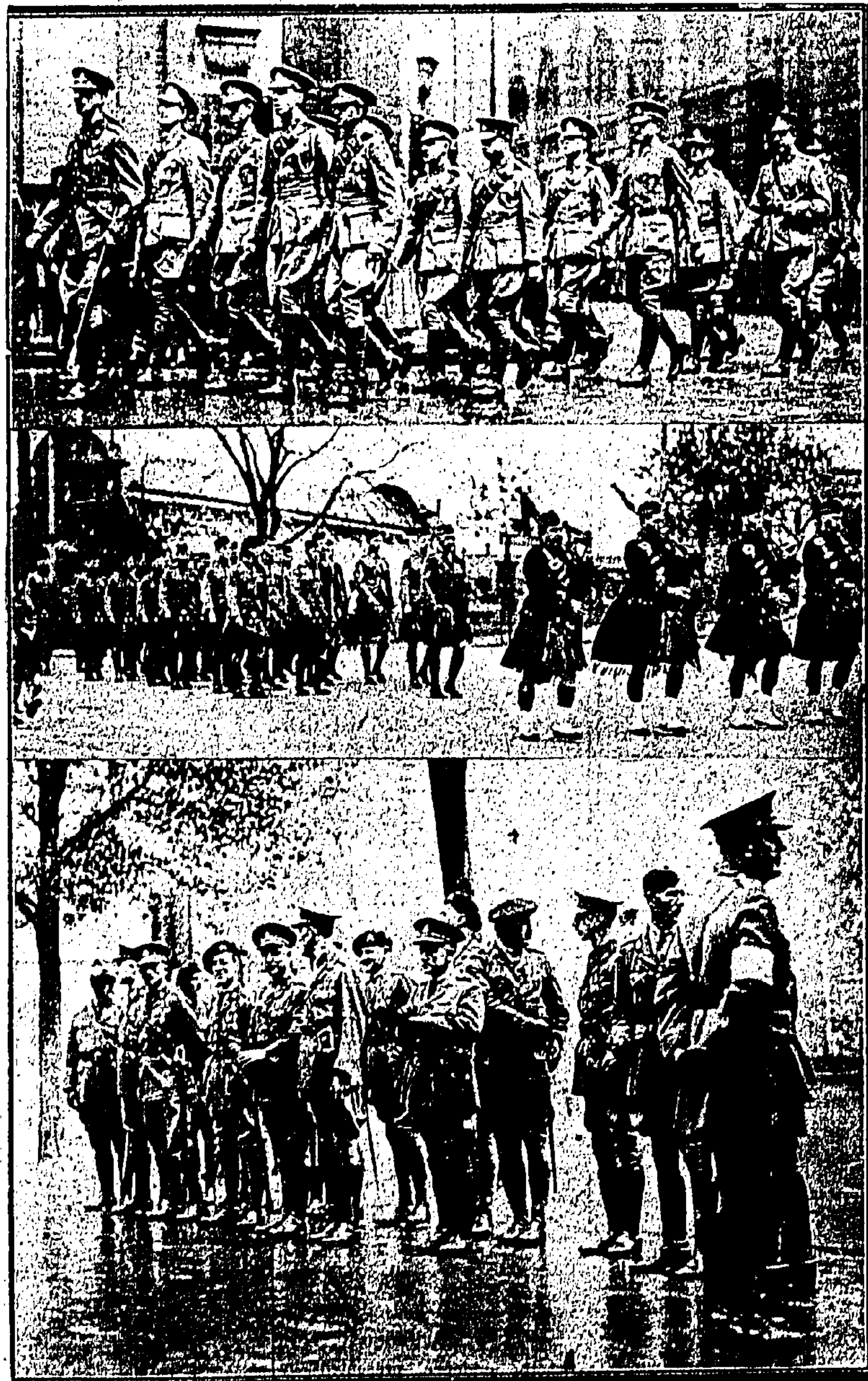
A Chinese mob several hundred strong which attacked the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce recently caused considerable damage to portions of the interior of the building. After failing in their attempts to break through the iron gates, the mob climbed over and rushed the Chinese armed guards, wresting their rifles from them and stampeding through the building. The photograph shows one of the rooms entered by the mob in which they wrecked havoc on the furnishings, breaking open boxes and destroying considerable property.



The missing flyers of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, discovered recently by their commander after a week of anxious search. Top shows Balchen and June (right) and Gould is shown inset.



Photo taken in Shanghai recently when Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Macnaghten entertained the officers and men of the Field Artillery Battery, their wives and children, at a garden party. Among those present were the former Battery commanders.



Scenes at the annual church parade of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps when the Corps paraded on the Bund and marched to various places of worship. The picture shows the Field Artillery Battery marching to the Cathedral, while the middle picture shows the Shanghai Scottish marching to the Union Church. The lower picture shows a group of officers outside the Cathedral.



The latest picture of Prince Carol of Rumania, and Madame Lupescu, for whom he renounced his throne. The photo was taken at the Nice automobile races. Dowager Queen Marie is reported to be trying to persuade Carol to return to Rumania, but it is understood that Carol has decided to have nothing more to do with political life.



A striking picture showing the New York Americans in training for this season's baseball pennant race. Lu Gehrig is teaching "rookies" how to jump for "flies."



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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m. By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

As from this date Mr. B. L. Selton-Winton has severed his connection with our firm by mutual consent and his Powers of Attorney for the undersigned are duly revoked.

S. J. DAVID & CO., A. J. DAVID, ARCHIBALD DAVID. Hongkong, May 1st, 1929.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON AND CO., LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 2nd May, 1929.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

N. Y. K. LINE, (NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)

From EUROPE and STRAITS. The Steamship, "TSURUGA MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 15th May, 1929, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m., within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 8th May, 1929.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship, "SPHINX" Arrived Hongkong on Tuesday, the 7th May, 1929, from MARSEILLES, &c.

also cargo from Cognac, Bordeaux ex s/s "Tetun" and "Teneriff" and cargo from London ex s/s "Dr. Pierre Benoit." Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent. All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday the 16th May, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 13th May, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LEBDOE, Agent. Hongkong, 7th May, 1929.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On SATURDAY, the 11th May, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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V 38007—I Must Have That Man. F.T.

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All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and Kwangtung Stations at Wuchow, Nanning and Lushow. The charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwel-chang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.80 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressee for delivery.

The rates for radio telegrams from Hongkong to the undermentioned places in the Kwangtung province (except Canton) are as follows:—

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In both cases the addressee will be required to pay an additional charge due to the Receiving Station of \$0.20 per word; this charge also applies to radiotelegrams received at Hongkong from Pakhoi, Swatow, Hoihow, Sammai and Chungshan.

The Radio Letter Service to the Philippine Islands is now as follows:—

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Luzon Island—\$0.15 per word \$3.00

All other Islands—\$0.20 per word \$4.00

It is hereby notified that messages will be accepted for transmission by wireless to Formosa at \$0.40 per word.

Radio telegrams can now be accepted for transmission to Kiu Kiang direct at the rate of \$0.20 per word and on the same conditions applicable to messages exchanged with Pakhoi, etc.

The usual morning mail for Macao will not be despatched on the 13th and 14th inst.

INWARD MAILS.

From For Due.

Shanghai and Amoy Klunkang May 9.

Amoy Takada May 10.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pres. McKinley May 10.

Japan and Shanghai Kalyan May 10.

Straits Talma May 10.

Java Tjikembang May 11.

Straits Sulsang May 11.

Shanghai and Swatow Soochow May 11.

Straits Kashima Maru May 12.

Australia and Manila Tango Maru May 13.

Manila Pres. Taft May 13.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang Pres. Hayes May 18.

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Japan and Shanghai D'Arctagnan May 21.

Manila, Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Brisbane Himalaya Maru Thurs., May 9.

Registration 4.15 p.m.

Letters 5 p.m. (Due Brisbane 26th May).

Amoy Kanchoy Thurs., May 9, 3.30 p.m.

Saigon Bomo Thurs., May 9, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Delta Thurs., May 9, 4.30 p.m.

Sam Shui and Wuchow Kong Ning Thurs., May 9, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai Tauranga Maru Thurs., May 9, 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Fri., May 10, 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Kalyan Sat., May 11.

K.F.O.

Parcels May 10, 4.30 p.m.

Registration May 11, 9 a.m.

Letters 10 a.m. (Due Marseilles 8th June).

Japan and "Victoria B. C." Ixion Sat., May 11.

Registration 9.15 a.m.

Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B. C. 4th June).

Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg Ruhr Sat., May 11, 12.30 p.m.

Manila Pres. McKinley Sat., May 11, 4.30 p.m.

Swatow Sinking Sat., May 11, 5 p.m.

Amoy Anking Sat., May 11, 5 p.m.

Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Canton Maru Sun., May 12, 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok Kaying Sun., May 12, 9 a.m.

Amoy Sul Sang Mon., May 13, 8.00 p.m.

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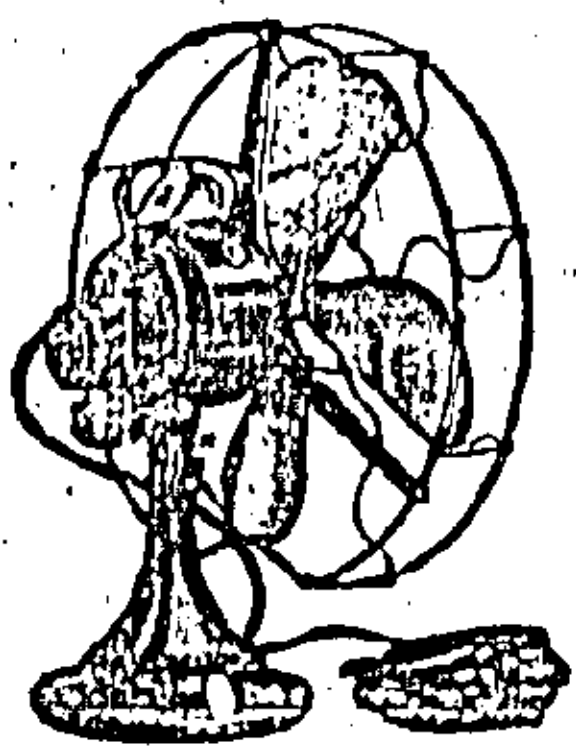
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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Miss Sonia Frank, playing the leading role, Miss Lillian Sobornikoff, in bouffant tulle, and Mrs. J. Eabry, in cerise lace, principals in the fashion show at the recent charity tea dance given at the Astor House, Shanghai, under the auspices of the Russian Students' Union. Gowns by Salen des Modes.

About Salmon.

POINTS ON COOKING AND SERVING IT

The best parts of salmon for boiling are the head and shoulders or a good middle cut.

Small salmon may be boiled whole.

Weigh and wash the fish, and allow 10 minutes to the pound and 10 minutes over. Put it on to a strainer or wrap in muslin, and put into a fish-kettle or large pan containing hot salted water, which should only cover the fish by two inches. Bring to the boil, then simmer gently until the fish is cooked. If cooked too fast, the skin breaks and the fish falls to pieces; also fast boiling is inclined to make the fish tough. Vinegar is not added to the water when boiling salmon, as it is apt to spoil the colour.

When cooked, drain well and serve on a hot dish. Garnish with parsley and cut lemon, and hand a simple sauce, which will not detract from the fine flavour of the fish. Melted butter, shrimp, oyster, or hollandaise sauce may be chosen.

Boiled or mashed potatoes, dressed cucumber or green peas are often served.

Grilled salmon should be cut into one-inch thick slices. These are dipped in salad oil or oiled butter, seasoned and grilled.

Serve with cut lemon, paprika or cayenne, or with a pat of maître d'hotel, shrimp, anchovy or lobster butter. Sauce such as tartare or bearnaise may be served.

Cold salmon is coated with mayonnaise, tartare, ravigote, or chandroid sauce, and served with salad.



An uncommon boudoir coat of Chinese inspiration is expressed in soft blue satin embroidered with blue birds in silk of a much darker shade.

A Particular Type.

GIRLS MUST SPECIALISE.

"A.D.C." commented recently in the *Daily Mail* on the popularity of the American debutante in English society and attributed her success to the fact that she usually cultivates what is known in the United States as a "line."

As he explained, this does not refer to her figure, but merely means that she has some special line of conversation or conduct. This she relies upon to give her individuality and to set her apart from other pretty young rivals with whom she mingles during the season.

Modern girls endeavour to specialise themselves—to develop a particular type and stick to it; and the American girl is just carrying this idea a step farther. She decides on her line after her type is definitely fixed, and, of course, the two must harmonise.

Shall she concentrate on sport, dancing, music, bright conversation, art, allure, or just sponsor eccentric colour schemes and modes of dress startling enough to interest even her sophisticated world?

Affecting a Hard-Boiled Manner. Shall she become a ukulele wizard, give daring exhibition dances with a devastatingly handsome partner, or join the latest and craziest modern art movement and take a studio in Greenwich Village? Will she arrest more attention if she affects a hard-boiled manner, or is a timid and ingenuous manner to be her long suit?

The ultimate decision is truly momentous, for it may be a determining factor in her matrimonial prospects.

The great advantage of having a line is that it gives the plain girl a chance.

Provided she picks a really attractive partner and wears the right kind of frock, an expert dancer can be the success of the ball despite a reticent nose, straight hair, and no complexion to speak of.

Face Powder.

GREEN, THE NEWEST SHADE.

Face powder of a decided greenish tint had a vogue two years ago. Now a Dover-street beauty specialist is selling dozens of boxes every week.

Green powder negatives rendered this in the skin which would appear bluish if the ordinary natural rachel or mauveque powders were used. The spell of frosty weather last month at Home and the sudden return of biting winds forced many women to resort to this special powder which "camouflages" these ravages on the complexion.

Sometimes the green powder can be used for a reddened nose only, one's usual tint of powder being applied to the rest of the face. Some women, however, are using green powder alone.

"Wise-Cracking."

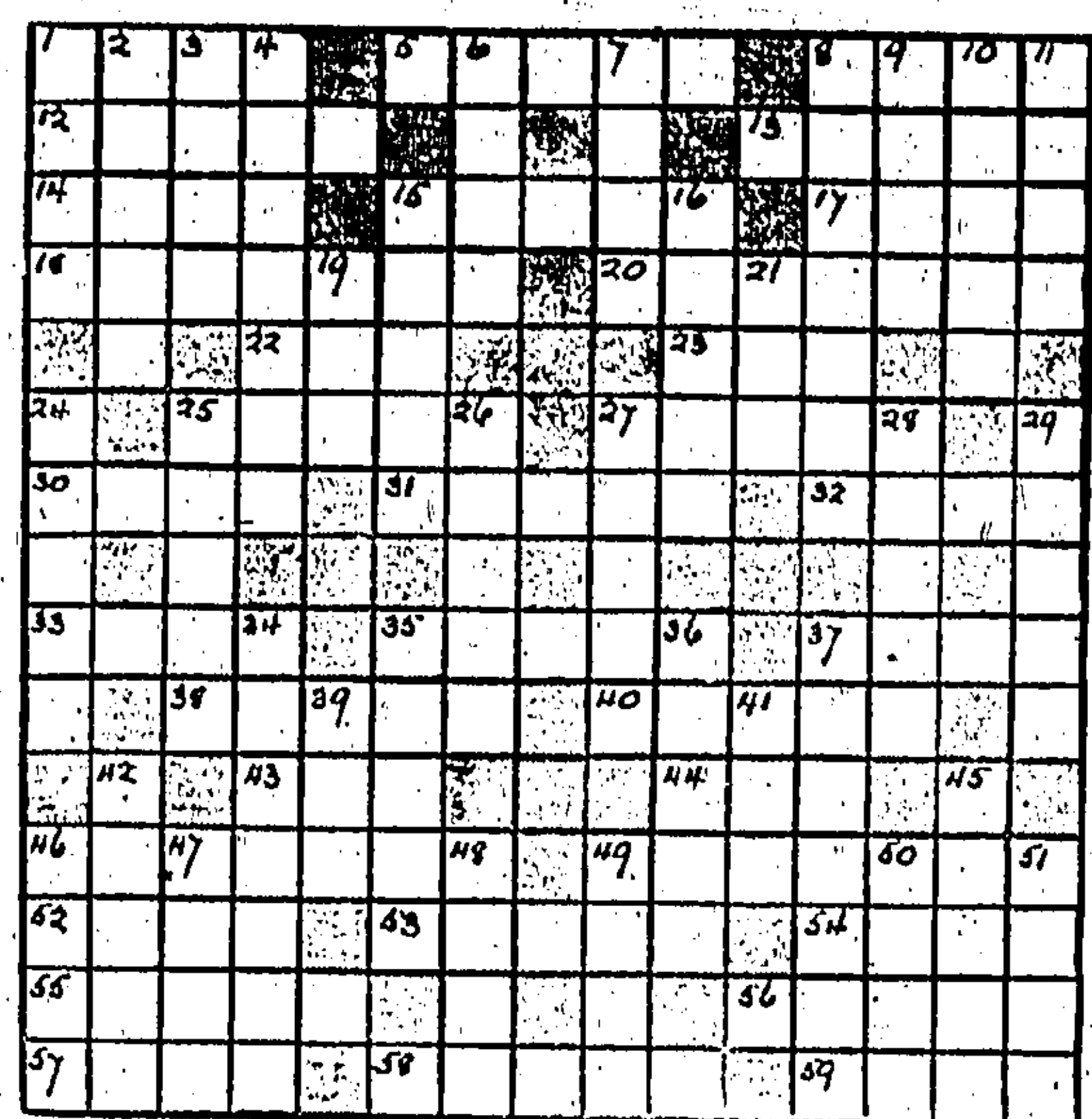
In the same way the girl whose line is witty chatter and smart repartee (or "wise-cracking," as it is called in America) will usually manage to draw a laughing and admiring crowd, and is never at a loss for a dance or dinner invitation.

Our English girls, however, often go in for lines of their own. The Ruthven twins, for example, caused a mild sensation by always appearing identically attired, and were the pioneers of several fashions in dress—notably the slave necklet and flat-heeled evening shoes.

Lady Oxford's line has always been, from earliest girlhood, her brilliant wit and flair for politics and literature. She might almost be called the first of the Bright Young People.

Pretty Lady Phunket is well known as a most accomplished dancer, in great demand at charity functions. And one might mention Miss Michael Guinness, otherwise Miss Alvaro Guevara, who has recently achieved success in the artistic world, and many other charming and arresting personalities. —By LADY MANNERS.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

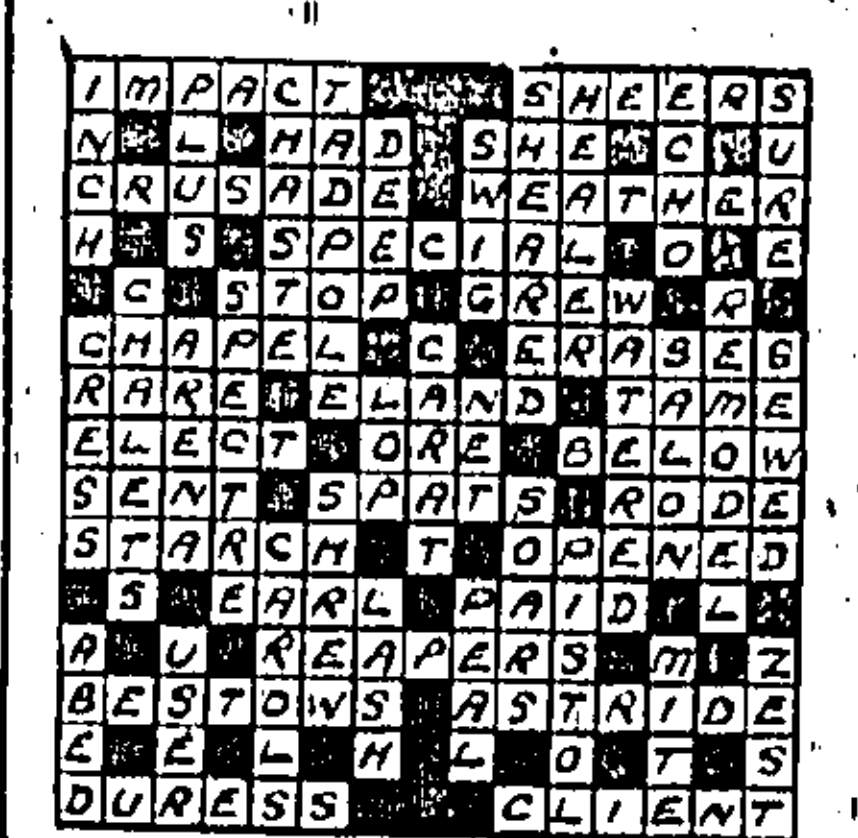


Across
1 Excursion.
5 Treat with contempt.
8 Formerly.
12 Set again.
13 Armistice.
14 Efficient.
16 Sanctify.
17 Unhesitating dash.
18 Bojleh.
20 Pichensile claws.
22 Age.
23 Spot.
25 Employers.
27 Gen.
30 Cat.
31 Made comfortable.
32 Simple sea-craft.
33 Took legal action against.
35 Modern machines of war.
37 Restrain.
38 Exudation of trees.
40 Soli.
43 Whim.
44 Clothe.
46 Riddled.
49 Large public rooms.
52 On.
53 Briny.
54 Has woody trunk.
55 Floated with stone.
59 Young lady.
57 Looked.
58 Piles.
59 Antlered animal.

Down
1 Snare.
2 Refute.
3 Land surrounded by water.
4 Lady of title.
6 Heap.
7 Grate.
8 Builder.
9 Law.

10 Frighten.
11 Factors of a thousand.
15 Bellow.
16 Having a side.
19 Anger.
21 At this moment.
24 Involuntary shaking.
25 Assistant master.
29 The devil.
27 Snatches violently.
28 Ancient language.
29 Acquire knowledge.
34 Enunciated.
35 Movements of sea.
36 Wander.
37 Blindly attached.
39 Woolly.
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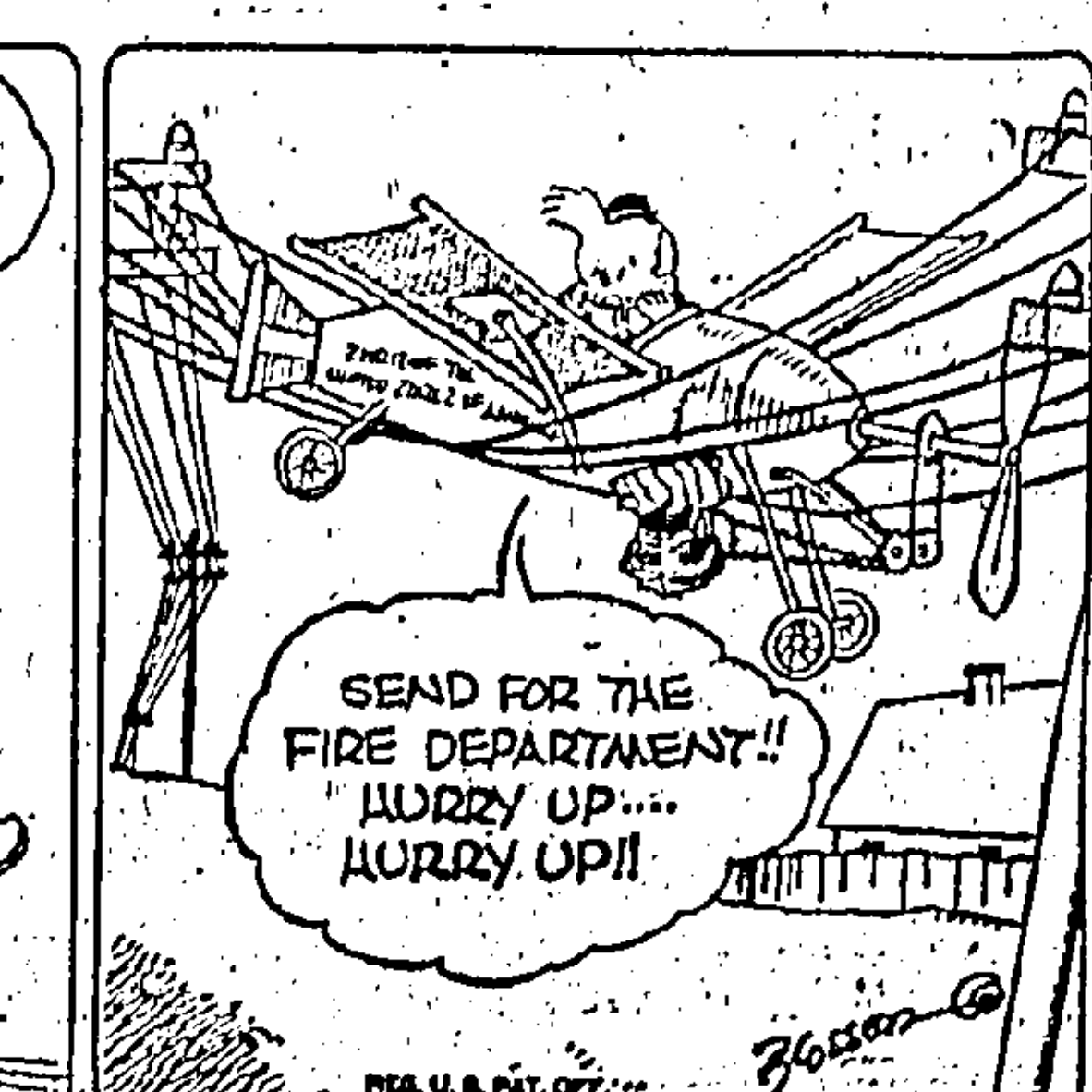
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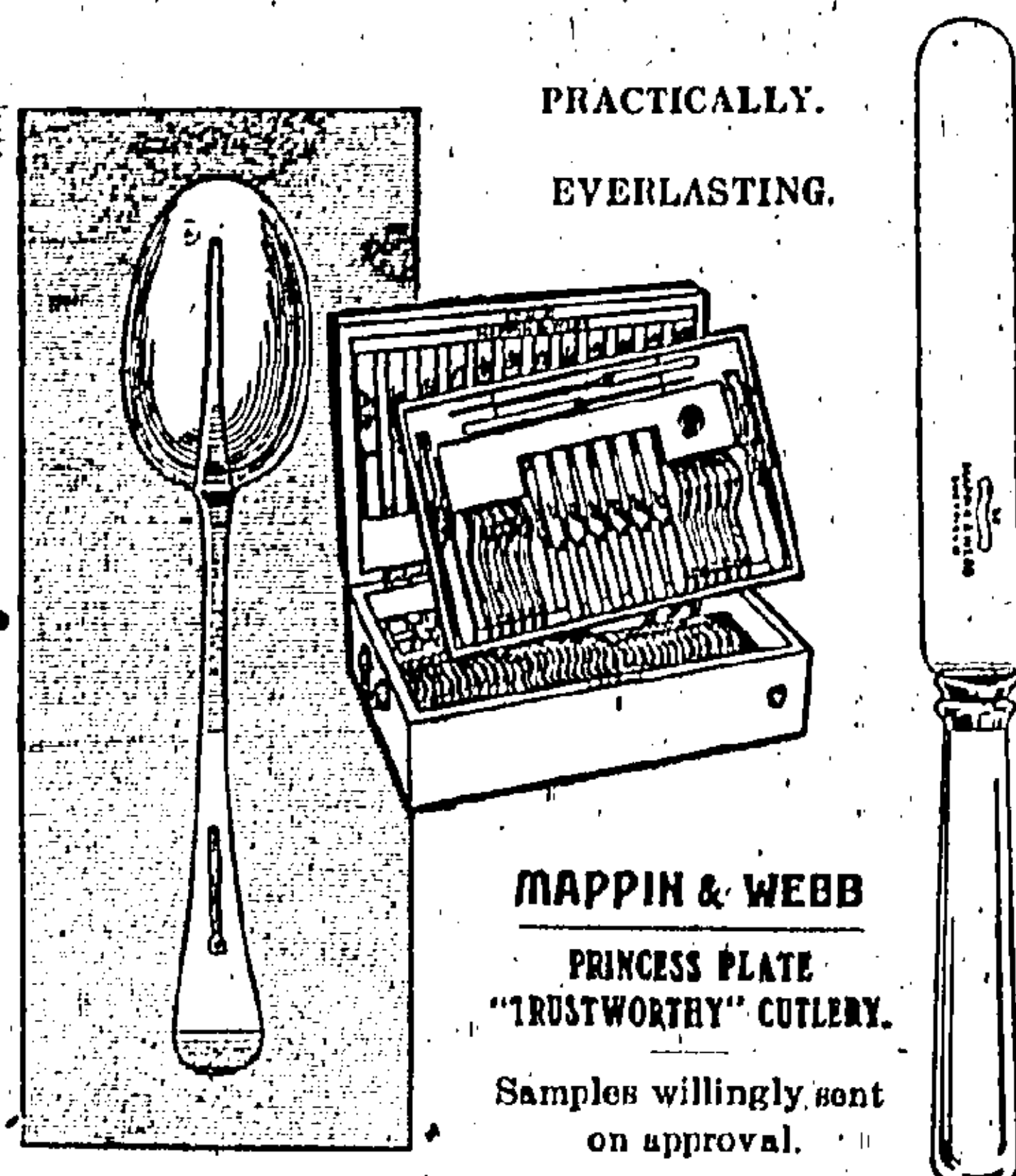
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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1929.

REPARATIONS.

Yet another snag has been struck in the attempts to straighten out the reparations tangle. Over the week-end, there seemed every prospect that Mr. Owen Young's compromise proposals would prove generally acceptable, but the full nature of his scheme has now been disclosed and it is such that it is wholly unacceptable to the British delegation. The plan involves a revision of the percentage of the German payments to each creditor nation, as fixed at the Spa Conference, and this revision provides for a considerable reduction in the British share, the difference being transferred to other creditor nations. When this amazing proposal became known, the British delegation immediately intimated its opposition thereto, holding that any revision of the Spa Conference percentages is quite outside the competence of the Committee of Experts. So far, therefore, from Mr. Owen Young having succeeded in bridging the chasm, he appears to have brought Britain into conflict with the other allied nations.

In considering this question, it is essential that we should bear in mind the purpose for which the Committee of Experts was appointed. This was to settle once and for all the total amount which Germany should pay in reparations, after due note had been taken, as the result of investigations, of her capacity to pay. More than once since the Committee has met there have been fears that it would be impossible to reconcile the Allied and German views of "capacity," and it was to end the deadlock reached some days ago that Mr. Owen D. Young put forward proposals providing for the payment by Germany of an annuity of 2,060,000,000 gold marks for a period of 37 years. This figure compared with 2,300,000,000 marks proposed by the creditor Powers. At first, only the main heads of Mr. Young's proposals were outlined to the Allied delegates, and this fact explains why there appeared to be fairly general agreement, in which Britain shared, on the suggestions. When it was stated on Saturday that the British and Japanese delegates approved without question of the principles of the proposals, this obviously referred to the suggested modification of the annuity

payable by Germany; it could not be taken as consent to the revision of the Spa percentages, since there was then no inkling that Mr. Young had any such idea at the back of his mind.

Britain has throughout the proceedings stood on the basis of the Balfour Note, which involves about £200,000,000 of arrears in addition to present receipts. France has demanded a sum sufficient to cover her payments to the United States and Britain, with an additional sum as a contribution to the restoration of the devastated areas. Belgium has asked for a retention of her present share in Reparations proper, plus a sum as indemnification for the depreciation of German paper marks left in Belgium. Italy has been asking for an increased share in reparation receipts as compensation for the failure of Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria to pay. The United States delegation has been unable to offer any reduction of previous American claims. With so many conflicting interests, the difficulty of arriving at a decision acceptable to the Allies, let alone Germany, may easily be imagined. But that Britain, whose war debt policy has been framed on such generous lines, should be expected to forego part of her agreed percentage for the benefit of other Allied nations must strike most people as preposterous.

Rain and the Water Supply.

The long drought, which, extended over a period of many months, has been responsible for the existing heavy restrictions on the Colony's water supply, as well as for the Government's anxiety to go ahead as rapidly as possible with various long-necessary storage projects, appears to be breaking up at last. Rain has fallen heavily at frequent intervals since Friday of last week, the total amount registered in this comparatively short period being in excess of four inches, or far more than was registered in the first four months of the year. Nevertheless, welcome as the downpours have been, the net result falls far short of the ten inches which the Water Authority has demanded as the minimum justification for revocation of the restriction orders and it is too early to hold out hopes of a relief from the present hardships. The position would not be so bad if the Government were carrying out their contract, but in spite of frequent complaints, Kowloon residents are still subject to annoying discoveries in the early afternoon that the water has ceased to flow, while the stated time of resumption of supplies in the morning is rarely strictly adhered to. Meanwhile, we believe, since our last comment on this subject, restrictions have been extended on the Peak District. The houses on the lower levels still appear to get a full supply, but this is due to the gravity system which keeps the lower pipes full long after the flow has been stopped at its source, and long after the premises in the higher altitudes have had their supplies cut off. There is no further question of discrimination in favour of any particular section of the community, though it cannot be said that the system is working well. It has been suggested that the wastage of water generally is greater now than before restrictions were imposed, and there are some interesting figures available bearing on this point. Official statistics show that the consumption for the whole of the Colony for the week ended April 29th, was 67.42 million gallons, which compares with 60.20 million gallons for the week ended May 6th. The saving effected by the restrictions is apparently 7.22 million gallons, or approximately ten per cent. It is difficult to say whether, in view of the setting in of the rainy season, the saving effected any longer warrants the inconvenience caused. Hope may be taken from the signs of optimism in the Water Authority's Office where it is suggested that modification of the restrictions may be possible at the end of this month.

DAY BY DAY.

ONE NEVER SPEAKS OF HIMSELF EXCEPT AT A LOSS.—Montaigne.

A Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

An amended notification states that the B.I. s.s. Takada is due here from Amoy to-morrow afternoon.

St. Joseph's College is holding its annual sports at the Sookunpoo Recreation Ground on Saturday. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga is to distribute the prizes.

Mr. M. Manuk will speak on "Influence of Religion in Life" at the usual weekly lecture of the Theosophical Society, 7, Queen's Road Central, to-day, at 6 p.m.

A coolie was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital from his home at No. 76, Third Street, yesterday suffering from the effects of a big dose of opium which he is alleged to have taken in an attempt to commit suicide.

MORE RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure remains highest to the east of Japan and the Bonins and relatively low over China generally. The depression remains over Tongking. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South or variable winds, light to moderate; cloudy; rain.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, was 0.60 inches. This makes the total for the year 8.43 inches, against an average of 13.98 inches.

BRIDGE MADE EASY

By W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—hearts; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

2—Initial Suit Bids.

To bid a five-card suit initially, the total hand must contain at least two quick tricks, and two honours should be held in the suit that is bid. The two quick tricks may be missed in the suit that is bid.

For example: when holding Spades A K X X X, without another side trick, you may safely bid one spade, for the probabilities are that you will make four spade tricks and three other tricks from your partner's hand.

This table shows the minimum requirements for five-card suit bids:

Cards held in bidding suit	Quick tricks required in other suits
A K X X X or A J X X X	none
A Q 10 X X or A J 10 X X or K Q J X X	1-2
A Q X X X or K Q 10 X X	3-4
A J X X X or A 10 X X X or K Q X X X	1
K J X X X or K 10 X X X or Q J 10 X X or Q 10 X X X	2
J 10 X X X	3

Permissive.

A X X X X or K J 10 X X, 1-2 or A Q

An examination of the foregoing table will reveal the following facts:

(1) That you must not bid a five-card suit initially unless the total hand contains at least two quick tricks.

(2) That as a rule the five-card suit should contain at least two honours.

(3) That if the five-card suit contains one quick trick, all you require in the side suits is one quick trick.

(4) That if the five-card suit contains two or more quick tricks, you do not require any strength in the side suits.

(5) That if the five-card suit contains less than one quick trick, you require more than one quick trick in the side suits.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bridge Points.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I feel driven to protest vigorously to Mr. W. W. Wentworth about his answers to his questions given in "Bridge Made Easy" in your issue of Tuesday afternoon, even at the risk of a heated argument. To put it mildly, his answers are open to great controversy.

Far be it from me to claim to be an expert on bridge—they are few and far between—but I have had experience in London clubs, and, in my poor opinion, not one of the answers is correct. I have read his articles with growing consternation, and I feel I must really lay my views before your readers.

No. 1.—Why lead the knave of hearts? It's asking for trouble against a pukka 1 No Trump. The queen of spades is a safe lead, and a better one.

No. 2.—The king of hearts should be led first, then the 6 diamonds in order to show your partner a return lead should he fall in diamonds the second round.

No. 3.—The queen of hearts is the lead. There is no five-card suit in the hand shown. The declarer is more likely to have the minor suit well guarded than the major, and the two suits are numerically the same.

No. 4.—The 6 spades is the obvious lead.

No. 5.—The 4 spades.

No. 6.—The 3 diamonds.

As I am by no means the only person in the bridge world of Hongkong to disagree with Mr. Wentworth's statements, I feel justified in asking for his authority for these statements. An lessons to beginners, he certainly disagrees with Works, Lenz, Dalton and Foster. I have gone to some trouble to look up one or two of his leads in these four works before venturing my opinions. Yours, etc.,

CATFISH.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1929.

Editor's Note.—We should be glad to hear the views of other bridge experts on the points raised, and in order to make the position clear we give below the leads advocated by Mr. Wentworth. Unfortunately, the writer of this series of articles does not reside in Hongkong, but we intend forwarding to him the criticisms of "Catfish," together with such other opinions as may reach us. Mr. Wentworth's leads were given as follows:

Correct opening leads at no trump without information from partner are exemplified in the following illustrations. South has bid no trump in each instance and west holds:

1.—Spades, Q J 10 4; hearts, K J 10 8; diamonds, 4 3; clubs, 6 5 2.

West should lead the heart Jack.

2.—Spades, Q 3; hearts, A K Q; diamonds, K 9 8 6 5; clubs, J 7 6. West should lead the diamond 6.

3.—Spades, Q 3; hearts, Q J 10 9; diamonds, Q J 10 9; clubs, J 5. West should lead the diamond Queen.

4.—Spades, A 8 7 6; hearts, Q 9 5 3; diamonds, J 4 2; clubs, J 3. West should lead the heart 3.

5.—Spades, Q 9 7 4; hearts, J 9 7 4; diamonds, 6 4 2; clubs, 4 3. West should lead the heart 4.

6.—Spades, Q 7 5; hearts, J 3; diamonds, A 10 5 3; clubs, K J 10 9. West should lead the club Jack.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 8.
Paris	124.20
Geneva	25.10
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Oslo	18.10 1/2
Helsingfors	193
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Hongkong	1.11 1/2
New York	4.85 7/32
Amsterdam	12.00 1/2
Stockholm	18.10 1/2
Vienna	34.55
Madrid	34.05 1/2
Bucharest	81.05
Bombay	1/5.20/32
Yokohama	1/10.3/16
Brussels	34.95
Milan	92.65
Copenhagen	18.20 1/2
Prague	103 1/2
Liebo	108
Rio	5.67/64
Shanghai	2/5 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25.5/18

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

War against Sunday golf, which has been waged by a section of the Birmingham City Council since the council by a small majority sanctioned Sunday play, has been stimulated by the discovery that gambling, in the form of "poker" golf, is extensively pursued on the four municipal courses, by the players who crowd them every Sunday.

"Poker" golf follows the lines of the card game. The player with the honour starts the pool with, say, a shilling. Each player following has the opportunity to increase the stake after each stroke. If a player gets into difficulties he cuts his losses by declining to cover the last "raise." The stakes go, of course, to the winner of the hole, and a new pool is made at each tee. It is claimed that a man may lose the game and yet be in pocket at the end of the round.

Opponents of Sunday golf have seized the opportunity to press again for its prohibition on the municipal courses, and are hopeful that the alleged prevalence of gambling may induce the city council to abrogate its earlier decision.

[Some people have doubts about every thing, says Sir Robert Wallace.]

I doubt if the seeds I've been planting
Are worth the few shillings I paid,
And I dare not assert that my latest new shirt
Will return from the laundry unfrayed.
I doubt if this dirge I am chanting
Deserves any paper and ink,
And I'm so much imbued with the dubious mood
That I doubt if I've said what I think.

Woman at Willesden—I asked the policeman not to hold me so tight, for I was only a little drunk, but he squeezed me all the harder. Solicitor, to a man at an East London Court—What is your Christian name? Man—I am a Jew. Solicitor—Well then, what is your first name?

Solicitor at Glasgow—I'm not a technical expert. Will you please explain the position in simple language? Witness—Oh, I thought you lawyers knew everything.

Mr. Booth in "London Town" describes Sir Herbert Tree at rehearsals:

At one rehearsal I remember he had utterly failed to make a certain member of his company realise that his conspicuous presence was not vital to the particular scene. But at times Tree was undefeatable.

"Very good—marvellous," he murmured, "but would you mind moving back stage just a little, Mr. Blank?"

Mr. Blank complied, to the extent of a couple of feet.

"No, a little farther still, please."

"That's better, but still a little more."

Back moved the actor, and then glanced round him.

"But I'm right off stage now, Sir Herbert," he called to the actor-manager, sitting in the empty stalls.

"Excellent, Mr. Blank," replied Tree. "Excellent."

Miss Winifred Ponder, the author of Dame Clara Butt's memoirs, recently arrived at Townsville, Queensland, from Singapore. She left Brisbane two and a half years ago, and is returning there for a few months.

Speaking of the "muck" incident, Miss Ponder said that it was a most unfortunate mistake. Dame Clara Butt and she were very friendly, and both felt that it had been magnified by the Press, and that only for the Press, Dame Nellie Melba would have laughed at the incident. "Muck" was a term in the profession for light ballads. Probably the word was vulgar, but there was no offence in the world "tripe," and that was used often enough.

A sensation was caused by the announcement in the memoirs of Dame Clara Butt, that Dame Nellie Melba had advised her, prior to her visit to Australia, to "sing them muck."

Approaching the "Register" the other evening (writes a correspondent in a Scottish paper) I observed a resident pointing out the features of the Wellington statue to a country cousin. As I got abreast the couple I overheard the following:

"Country." Cousin—"It's a braw animal!"

Local Man—"Ay, it's too braw, it's got nae warts."

Passengers arriving on the Empress of Asia yesterday included Dr. C. A. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tredwell, Mr. D. H. Ruttonjee, Mr. H. C. Reaker, Colonel D. S. Exham, D.S.O., and Col. H. A. Stewart, D.S.O., O.B.E.

DEBIT BALANCE
REDUCED.PROGRESS REPORTED BY
CHINA UNDERWRITERS.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

Presiding at the fifth annual general meeting of shareholders in China Underwriters, Ltd., to-day, Mr. R. C. Sheehan gave some interesting figures showing that the debit balance had been reduced by nearly \$10,000 during the past year.

A good profit was shown in the Life Department, which was described as progressing in the right direction, whilst the Accident Department was reported to have made a profit for the first time.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, We have now the pleasure to lay before you our report and the accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928, and as these have been in your hands for the required period, I will with your consent take them as read.

As on the last occasion, we have converted all silver currency figures to Hongkong dollars and all gold currency figures to sterling at the parities. The gold and silver figures have then been converted for convenience of reference to Hongkong dollars at the rate ruling at 31st December, 1928, namely 2/0 1/4 d. As the rate differs slightly from that at which the figures were combined on 31st December, 1927, we have, for the sake of continuity, shown the figures brought forward at last year's rate and carried the difference to Exchange Account.

We suggested last year combining the accounts of the Marine Fire & Accident Departments, but on consideration felt that the figures are more informative if we continue to follow the practice of Home Companies and publish them separately.

In the Life Department, the premiums received during the year, after deducting re-assurances amounted to \$425,161, an increase of \$47,298 over the figures for 1927. Expenses show an increase of \$51,413, but the bulk of this increase represents expenses incurred in extending the scope of our operations and will either be non-recurrent or will be represented by an increase in business.

Confidence in Future.

After bearing this increased expenditure, the income in the Department has exceeded the outgo by \$16,278 which has been written off Establishment of Life Business Account. The Department is progressing in the right direction and we have confidence in its future.

The net premiums in the Marine Department amounted to \$163,830 compared with \$120,271 in 1927. The claims experience, which must necessarily be fluctuating in a small account, has been unfavourable compared with last year. After putting up reserves of \$109,814 for unexpired risks, the Account shows a debit to Profit and Loss of \$7,516.

The net premiums received from the Fire Department amounted to \$79,468 against \$81,919 in 1927. Claims at \$97,506 compare with \$44,558 last year. After setting up reserves of \$31,787 for unexpired risks, the sum of \$914 was carried to the credit of Profit and Loss. From its commencement this Department has shown a small profit and has borne a share of the executive expenses.

Satisfactory Progress.

The net premiums received in the Accident Department amounted to \$24,979 against \$13,146 in 1927. After putting up reserves of \$10,991 for unexpired risks, the account shows a credit to Profit and Loss of \$212. This is the first time the Department has shown a profit, and in view of the fact that the premium income has practically doubled for the third year in succession, the Department may be said to be making satisfactory progress.

After transferring the amount referred to above to the Marine Reserves, the debit to Profit and Loss is reduced by \$9,780 from \$47,243 to \$37,463.

In conclusion I should like to place on record our appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the branch managers, secretaries, agents and staff in our various branches.

I have now the pleasure to propose the adoption of the report and accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1928, as presented, and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Seconded by Mr. H. Figueroa, the Report and Accounts was passed unanimously.

Other Business.

Messrs. C.A. da Rosa, Mok Ching-kong and A.A.R. Botelho were re-elected Directors, on the motion of Mr. L.C.F. Bellamy, seconded by Mr. J.F. Wright.

MARINE COURT'S
STATUS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of Merchants Shipping Ordinance of 1899 read together with Sub Section 3 of that Ordinance.

Designation of Court.

Dealing with the objections to the summons, I find that just as "Harbour Office" is and has for many years (see Government Notification 604 of 1906, Gazette of July 13th, 1906) been being the name of the building which houses the Harbour Master and the Harbour Department and contains his Court Room, so "Marine Magistrate's Office" has been used to designate this Court Room or Court House and the Marine Magistrate's Court.

Further, I find the summons signed by Commander Newill, who is Deputy Harbour Master and who is a Marine Magistrate, vide Section 8 of the Magistrate's Ordinance 1899, as amended by Ordinances No. 2 of 1925 and No. 23 of 1927. The Harbour Master, the Deputy Harbour Master, the Assistant Harbour Master shall each of them be a Marine Magistrate.

Further, I find, apart from the applicability of Section 22 of the Magistrate's Ordinance, to which I will refer later, that unless the requirements of the seal indicated in the form No. 1 in the schedule to such Ordinance extends to proceedings before a Marine Magistrate, a seal is not essential.

Further, I find that the words in the charge to which objection has been taken are relevant particulars to the charge of the "obstruction, impeding or molesting" under Section 287 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and were and are so regarded by me.

Objections Over-Ruled.

I over-rule the objection to the summons on the foregoing findings, if it is necessary to confine myself to such findings. I do not think that I am so confined.

I hold under Section 41, 2A, of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1899 the procedure established by the Magistrate's Ordinance 1899 applied to this case, and that under Section 22 of that Ordinance the objections cannot be taken or allowed. Furthermore, I find that the defendant having duly appeared to answer this charge, the summons itself is irrelevant.

Dealing with objection (2), I find that the words "the Magistrate" in Section 41, (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance of 1899 include Marine Magistrate vide Section 2 F. of that Ordinance and that the case was properly taken by me.

Recognised Court.

Dealing with objection (3), I find that Section 19 of Merchant Shipping Ordinance of 1899 relates to Marine Courts of Survey and Inquiry and has no bearing on the Marine Magistrate's Court or the Marine Magistrate.

Furthermore, I find that this Court is the recognised open Court House at which Marine Magistrates have been and are accustomed to sit to hear and determine summary information and complaints within their jurisdiction and that this Court is the proper Court of the Marine Magistrate and the proceedings objected to were properly held therein.

The application for rehearing is not allowed.

NO AMALGAMATION.

THE ALLENBY RUBBER
SCHEME ABANDONED.

Singapore, May 8.

The Allenby Rubber amalgamation scheme has been abandoned, owing to the probable opposition of shareholders with a holding amounting to 150,000 votes.—*Reuter.*

It was reported on March 7 that the directors of the Allenby, Bulgownie, Connemara and Kundong Rubber Companies had submitted to shareholders proposals for an amalgamation, which would form one of the biggest combines in Malaya, to be known as Connemara United, Limited. The combined area of the four companies' estates is 6,500 acres.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-appointed auditors, at a remuneration of \$750 each, on the motion of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Wong Oik-ut.

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Chairman, were Messrs. Allan Cameron, Li Tse-fong, Tsang Poo, Mok Ching-kong, C.P. Marcel, C.A. da Rosa, A.A.R. Botelho, (Directors), H.R. Sturt, F.I.A. (Manager and Secretary), E.R. Childs A.I.A. (Assistant Secretary), and Allan Kirk, G.W. Sheehan, A.L. Shields, L.S. Greenhill, L.C.F. Bellamy, J.F. Wright, Wong Oik-ut, H. Figueroa, M.A. Figueroa, F.J. Tavares, J. Topplin, A.A. Botelho and A.H. Rumbold.

MILD TONG WAR AT
ABERDEEN.NEW CONSERVANCY CONTRACT
CAUSES TROUBLE.

A NIGHT INCIDENT.

The conservancy contract has loomed up as an important question at Aberdeen village. Upon the contract being given to a successful bidder recently, the coolies employed by the former contractor had been giving trouble and doing all in their power to impede and inconvenience the new workers.

Out of this rivalry there had emerged something like a tong war, in which a favourite device has been the smashing of night-soil receptacles.

Fresh trouble occurred in the small hours of this morning when a male coolie who was on his night rounds, was prevented from going into a house by two women. One of them clutched his throat in a strangle-hold, while her companion also got hold of him. He shouted for help, and irate tenants, disturbed in their rest, rushed out to give succour.

One of the women was arrested by the police and was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, with assault. Opportunity was taken by his Worship to remind them that "there is a nice prison behind that door, to which you will be all sent if you give further trouble."

The Magistrate bound over both the woman and the complainant in a sum of \$50 to keep the peace.

WILL BRITAIN BE
THE GOAT?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Some such compromise is necessary to save the Conference.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Britain's Mergre Portion.

Paris, May 8.

The newspapers concede to Britain reason for dissatisfaction over Mr. Young's reparations plan, which according to the *Echo de Paris*, allots Britain a thousand million marks, whereas she asked for 3,800 millions; but the *Echo de Paris* asks why she had not previously joined the French delegate in "administering a lesson to the debtor" by sending Dr. Schacht back on April 19 to the Dawes scheme.

The *Petit Parisien* points out that Britain's share of reparations, under the new scheme, is so reduced that practically nothing is left for back debt payments to the United States or for the Dominions.—*Reuter.*

Some Statistics.

Berlin, May 8.

The latest figures of the Agent General for Reparations show that the British Empire received 44,000,000 marks last month, and 329,000,000 in the past eight months.

France received 100,000,000 and 742,000,000 respectively. The

CHINESE GET BENEFIT
OF DOUBT.SEQUEL TO ELI COTTAGE
MURDER.

The absence of guilty knowledge against four Chinese who were arrested on charges of receiving property which was stolen during a robbery at Eli Cottage, Old Kowloon Tong, recently when the occupier was murdered by the intruders, led to the acquittal of the defendants by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Inspector Lane, who appeared for the prosecution, said there was no direct evidence of guilty knowledge against the defendants.

His Worship said he thought there was a heavy onus on the prosecution to show that the people actually knew that articles which were found in their possession were stolen property. He did not think it was enough merely to hold that the defendants had probably suspected the property to be stolen.

If it were the case of a coolie being in possession of some valuable jewellery, said his Worship, the onus would then be very easily discharged. It might be asked how a man like that could have such valuable jewellery unless it was stolen, but in the case of a blanket or a quilt, people like the defendants might quite easily have such articles.

Inspector Lane said there was nothing further than the fact that only a short time expired between the robbery and the time when the property was found in the defendants' possession.

It looked very suspicious, but he would have to have more than what the prosecution had already produced, said his Worship in discharging the four defendants.

THE KWANGSI COUP.

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some of which places have already declared for Kwangsi.

Another report says that General Hsu King-long's troops at Shiehling have declared their independence and that they have seized railway coaches and locomotives there.

The position in this eastern district remains somewhat obscure at the moment, but it is stated that General Chan Chai-long, the commander in Canton, has ordered all the Whampoa College Cadets, numbering about 2,000, to leave for Shiehling and the East River area. These Cadets are keen supporters of the Canton Government, and it is expected that they will offer stern resistance to General Hsu's troops.

All telegraphic communication with Shiehling has been interrupted since yesterday, and it is therefore difficult to procure news of developments there.

bulk of the latter payment represented deliveries in kind.

Germany's payments totalled 200,000,000 and 1,413,000,000, respectively.—*Reuter.*

COURT MARTIAL
CLOSING.CPL. HENDRY NOT GIVING
EVIDENCE.

MAJOR'S AMENDMENT.

The case for the prosecution at the trial by District Court Martial of Corporal Charles Hendry, of the R.O.S.E., who is charged with embezzlement of funds belonging to the P.R.I. amounting to over \$1,300, concluded this morning, and Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the accused, opened the defence.

Major Todd, the President of the Court, asked the accused if he wished to give evidence on oath, or whether he preferred to make a statement not on oath. If the former, then he could be cross-examined, but if the latter there could be no questions asked.

Mr. Strellett informed the President that the defence would rely on the evidence which was already before the Court.

No Evidence by Defence.

Major Todd then asked Corporal Hendry if he wished to give evidence himself?—No, Sir.

Do you intend to call any witnesses in your defence?—No, Sir.

No witnesses at all?—No, Sir.

Major Todd (To Mr. Strellett):—Is the accused going to make a statement?—He does not elect to.

Mr. Strellett then explained to the Court that first of all he would prefer to deal with points of law and not with facts. His submission was that the first seven charges against the accused had not been proved.

Question of Fact.

The Judge Advocate:—But that is a question of fact. Unless you are going to say there is no evidence. You will have to say that the position is such that they cannot possibly be true; and there has been evidence on that.

When the Court Martial resumed the hearing this morning Major Ogilvie again occupied the witness box for the third day, and Mr. Wadson, counsel for the prosecution, stated that he had concluded his re-examination of witnesses.

The Judge Advocate then read over the depositions of Major Ogilvie, the evidence, as taken down by the Judge Advocate, occupying the major portion of the morning session of the Court.

Alterations?

The Judge Advocate, in reading over the evidence of Major Ogilvie, asked him whether certain paragraphs were what he intended to convey during the course of his evidence, and Mr. Strellett questioned any alterations in the original depositions.

The Judge Advocate replied that the original statements made by Major Ogilvie stood as they were, but if Major Ogilvie wished to retract or alter any statement a request to that effect would be entered at the foot of the depositions by the Judge Advocate. In other words the Judge Advocate would append a footnote stating that the witness requests an alteration in the evidence given by the witness.

Footnotes Appended.

Following on this the Judge Advocate appended a footnote in regard to the evidence given by Major Ogilvie in connexion with the Billiard Accounts. While in the witness box Major Ogilvie stated that in this connexion "the money was always paid to the clerk (accused)", and Major Ogilvie wished that to be amended to "nearly always paid to the clerk."

The case for the defence is proceeding.

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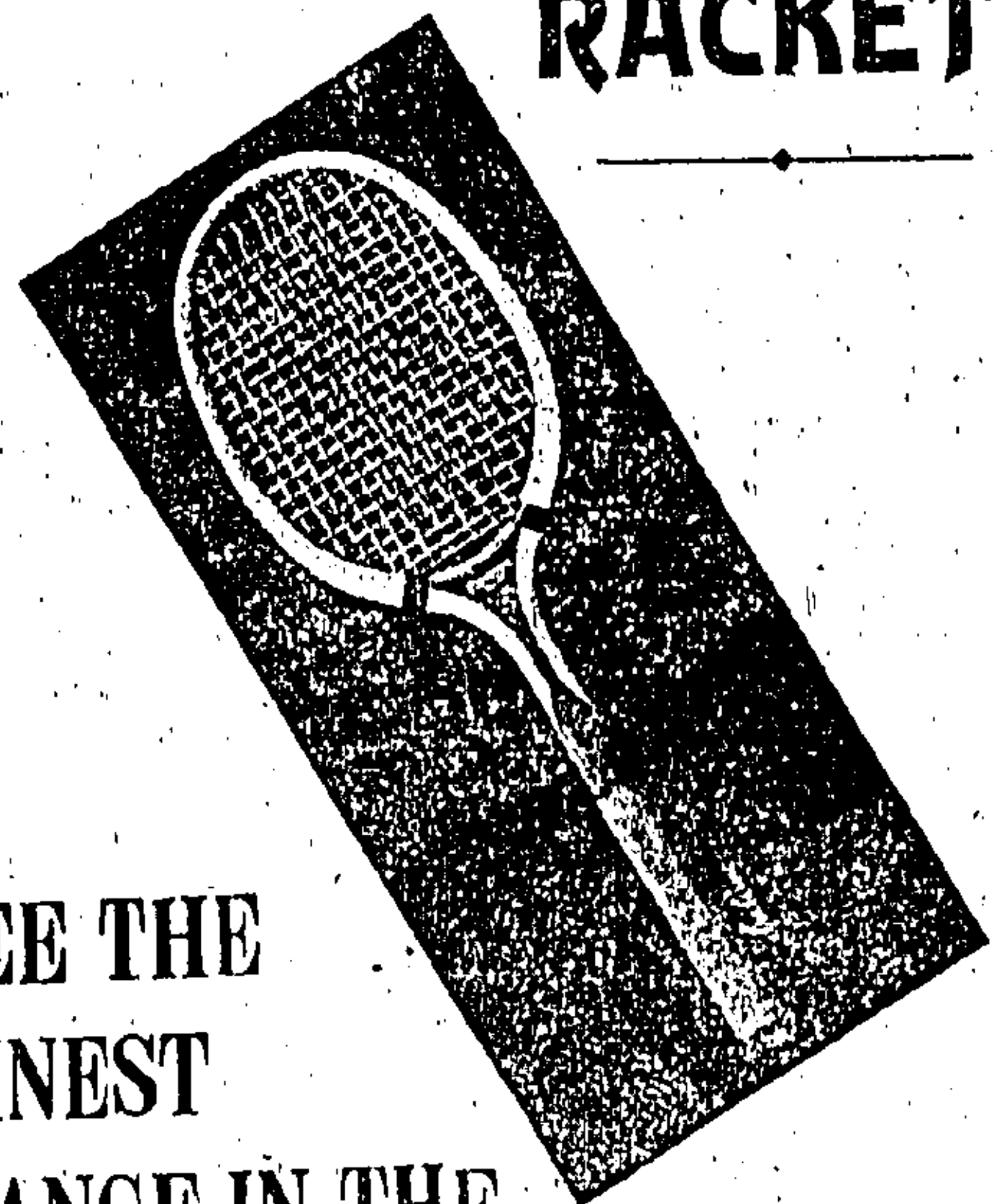
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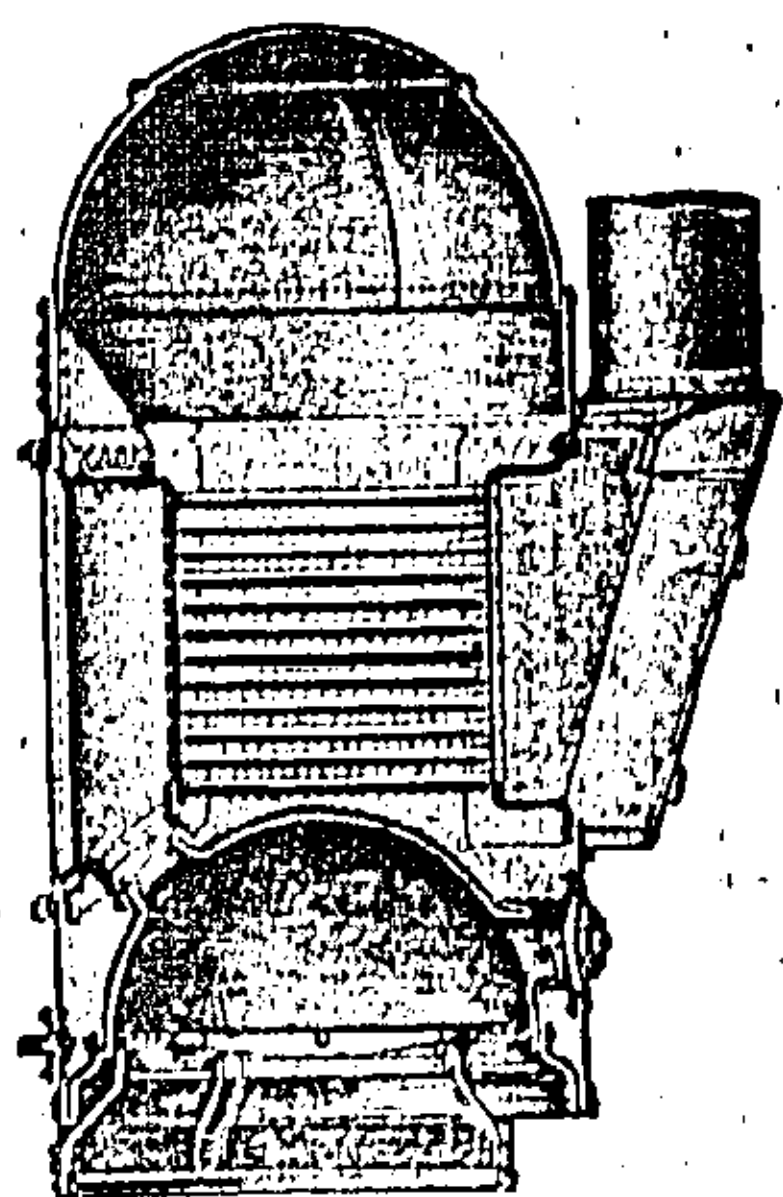
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CHAMPIONS DAY.

RESULTS OF SHANGHAI RACING.

Yesterday was Champions day, the third day of the Shanghai spring racing meeting. The following winning sweep numbers and detailed results are published by courtesy of the Hongkong Club.

The winning Champions ticket numbers were: "A" Class, 3822, 27544, and 12181. "B" Class, 15151, 4019 and 16362.

The Yangtze Cup, 1 Mile.

Mr. Day's New Zealand (Dallas) 1

McBain and Sokoloff's Viceroy (Sokoloff) 2

Mr. Powhattan's Sahara (Bowling) 3

Time: 2 mins. 13.4/5 secs.

The Kiangsu Cup, 2 Miles.

Mr. S. A. Judd's Mendowgreen (Judd) 1

Mr. Eve's Victory Eve (Eppanenco) 2

Mr. Liddell's Howeroft (Maitland) 3

Time: 4 mins. 41.2/5 secs.

The Racing Stakes, 1 Mile.

Miss Ada Law's Kilmory (Nesca) 1

Barley & Head's Castle Diamond (Springfield) 2

R.S. & C.O.C.'s John Willy (Wells Henderson) 3

Time: 2 mins. 16.2/5 secs.

The Rubicon Plate, 1 1/4 Miles.

Leander & Co's Ontario (Collaco) 1

E. E. & W. H.'s Bright Lad (Wells Henderson) 2

Mr. B. P. Lalenc's Lysander (Maitland) 3

Time: 2 mins. 49.4/5 secs.

The Great Northern Handicap, 1 Mile.

Mr. Day's Dare Devil (Dallas) 1

Mr. Kenjoy's Purple Diamond (Brand) 2

Mr. Allan's Michigan (McCann) 3

Time: 2 mins. 12.4/5 secs.

The Chefoo Handicap, "A" Class, 1 1/2 Miles.

M. & L. G. W.'s Western Field (Hill) 1

Mr. Mogreki's Wiki-Wiki (Harris) 2

Aitch & Jay's Raftery (Jack) 3

Time: 3 mins. 34.1/5 secs.

The Ningo Cup, 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Massachusetts's Mongol Boy (Judd) 1

H. Le Moullec & S. R. Owen's Spunk Hill (Nesca) 2

Mr. Dixie's Copper (Harris) 3

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TWO-DAYS' RACE MEETING.

HANDICAPS FOR VARIOUS EVENTS.

There is to be a two-days' Race Meeting at Happy Valley on the 18th and 19th inst. the handicaps for the various events are:

First Day.

Third Aggregate Stakes, One Mile.

Grand Tatoo Eve (149), Green Cracker (149), Christmas Chimes (154), Loch Elvie (149), Huntington (149), Skinfaxi (149), Nookhill (149), Chesapeake Bay (154), San Francisco (154), City Hall (154), Monterey Bay (149).

Cust Rock Stakes, One Mile.—The Sun (150), The Ape (155), The Phasant (162), Cream Cracker (167), Loch Elvie (167), Tangle (165), Skinfaxi (165), Nookhill (162), O-Moon (158), The Jamaica (160), Duke of Normandy II (163), King's Falloch (168), King's Papade (147), Flying Stag (150), Zephyr (150).

Peng Chau Stakes, Once Round.—Sopron (155), Mountain Air (155), Big Ben (155), Szatmar (155), Papaya (152), The Ptarmigan (158), False Alarm (152), Armory (158), Mirror Hall (153), Duke of Milan (155), Ploughman (155), Novanagher (155), White Jade (155), Tornado (155), Sunshine (152), The Jungle Book (152), Half Pint (156), Chiot (158), Bronze Idol (152), Inca (152), Heretofore (155).

Second Day.

Crocodile Stakes, Six Furlongs.—Sopron (155), Bowler (155), Mountain Air (155), Szatmar (155), Papaya (152), The Ptarmigan (158), False Alarm (152), Armory (158), Pumpkin (155), Kum On (152), Duke of Milan (155), Ploughman (155), Novanagher (155), Tornado (155), Sunshine (152), The Jungle Book (152), Half Pint (156), Chiot (158), Bronze Idol (152), Inca (152), Heretofore (155), Erbin's Melrose (155).

Whitman Plate, One and a Quarter Miles.—Imperial Hall (151), Town Hall (150), Grand Tatoo Eve (150), Pickle (150), Christmas Chimes (160), Loch Elvie (140), Tangle (139), Skinfaxi (140), Chesapeake Bay (169), Young Pretender (153), King's Falloch (154), One Third (139), Monterey Bay (151).

Lama Plate, From the Two Mile Post, Once Round and In.—Rummy (150), King's Parade (152), Alderley (155), The Sun (155), Szatmar (150), The Ape (160), The Phasant (162), Cream Cracker (152), Loch Elvie (152), Skinfaxi (160), Nookhill (157), Monk (152), The Jamaica (155), Duke of Normandy II (158), Duke of Milan (150), King's Falloch (153), Tornado (150), Sunshine (147), Bronze Idol (147), Flying Stag (155), Heretofore (150), Zephyr (155).

SCHOOL SPORTS.

WAH YAN COLLEGE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

Despite the fact that the weather was far from ideal, no fewer than 29 events were run off at the fourth annual athletic meeting of Wah Yan College, held yesterday afternoon at the South China ground, Caroline Hill, by kind permission of the South China Athletic Association.

Rain, somewhat hampered the enjoyment of the competitors and spectators, but altogether it was a very successful afternoon's sport, there being many close finishes in both the senior as well as the junior events. Owing to the state of the ground, the Inter-Class Tug-of-War event had to be called off, it being understood that this event will be held on the school ground during the next few days.

The senior championship was won by Fung Kwok-wa, who had sufficient reason to feel proud of his achievement as he won no fewer than five and secured second place in eight championship events. The junior championship was annexed by Fung Wing-piu, who secured 18 points.

The prizes won at yesterday's meeting were not distributed after the day's running, but will be distributed at the school's annual prize giving.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. A. J. Mauricio, the school's physical instructor.

The Winners.

The following were the results:

100-Yards (Sr. Championship): 1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Chan Kam-wai.

Time: 11 secs.

100-Yards (Jr. Championship): 1, Fung Wing-piu; 2, Ho Po-kwong.

Time: 12 4/5 secs.

220-Yards (Sr. Championship): 1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Chan Kam-wai.

Time: 25 1/5 secs.

AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN.

ARRIVAL AT DUMDUM REPORTED.

Calcutta, May 8.
The airmen Moir and Owen have landed at Dum Dum.—*Reuter.*
[Flight-Lieutenant Moir and Flying Officer Owen, Australian airmen, were engaged in an attempt to fly to Australia from England in twelve days, but have failed owing to adverse conditions. They left Folkeston on March 18.]

220 Yards (Jr. Championship): 1, Tsang Hin-ho; 2, Fung Wai-piu.

Time: 30 secs.

100 Yards (Small Boys): 1, Chuen Wa-fai; 2, Thun An-cheung.

1/4 Mile (Sr. Championship): 1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Lee Cheun-sum.

Time: 58 secs.

1/4 Mile (Jr. Championship): 1, Lam Tin-long; 2, Chung Chan-fan.

Time: 66 1/5 secs.

120 Yards Handicap (Small Boys): 1, George Lay; 2, Chow Chan-lam.

Long Jump (Sr. Championship): 1, Chan Kam-wai; 2, Boon Yun-sung.

Obstacle Race: 1, Jim Wong; 2, Lee Cheun-sum.

Small Boys' Sack Race: 1, Shuen Cho-wa; 2, George Lay.

Bicycle Race (2 Miles Open): 1, Luk Man-sum; 2, Ho Shu-kwong.

Putting the Weight: 1, Chan Yow-ho; 2, Fung Kwok-wa. Distance: 33 1/2 feet.

Three-Legged Race: 1, Jim Wong and Li Cheun-sum; 2, Lam Ping-tung and Pang Kue-ying.

Low Hurdles (Jr. Championship): 1, Fung Wing-shi; 2, Ho Po-kwong.

Low Hurdles (Sr. Championship): 1, Boon Yun-sung; 2, Fung Kwok-wa.

High Jump (Sr. Championship): 1, Chan Kam-wai; 2, Fung Kwok-wa.

Inter-School Relay Race: St. Paul's College.

Invitation Scouts' Race: 1, A. Hunt (5th Troop); 2, P. Kwong (1st Troop).

1/2 Mile Open Championship: 1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Lam Yiu.

Time: 2 min. 28 secs.

Old Boys' Race: 1, E. Chan; 2, Leung Kam-kwong.

Pole Vault Open: 1, Boon Yu-tin; 2, Lee Cheun-sum. Height: 9 feet.

220 Yards Invitation Race (Open to Members of the South China Athletic Association): 1, Chan Yui-tung; 2, Tang Yan-sung.

One Mile (Open Championship): 1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Lam Yiu.

Time: 5 min. 51 1/5.

Teachers' Race: 1, Wong Yuk-shu; 2, E. Zimmer.

Committee Race: 1, J. Gilchrist; 2, Jerome Lau.

Consolation Race: 1, Lam Tai-cheung; 2, Kok Tai-cheung.

Inter-Class Team Race: Class 1.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Shai Lands, Tls. 143 n.
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Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$18.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$12 1/2 b.
Star Ferries, \$66 1/2 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.80 b.
H. K. Electric, \$57 b.
Macao Electric, \$26 1/2 n.

Telephones \$7 b.
China Buses, Tls. 14 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

Industrials.
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Comchits (Comb.), \$8.30 s.
Ropes (Old), \$7.80 n.

United Abington \$5 b.
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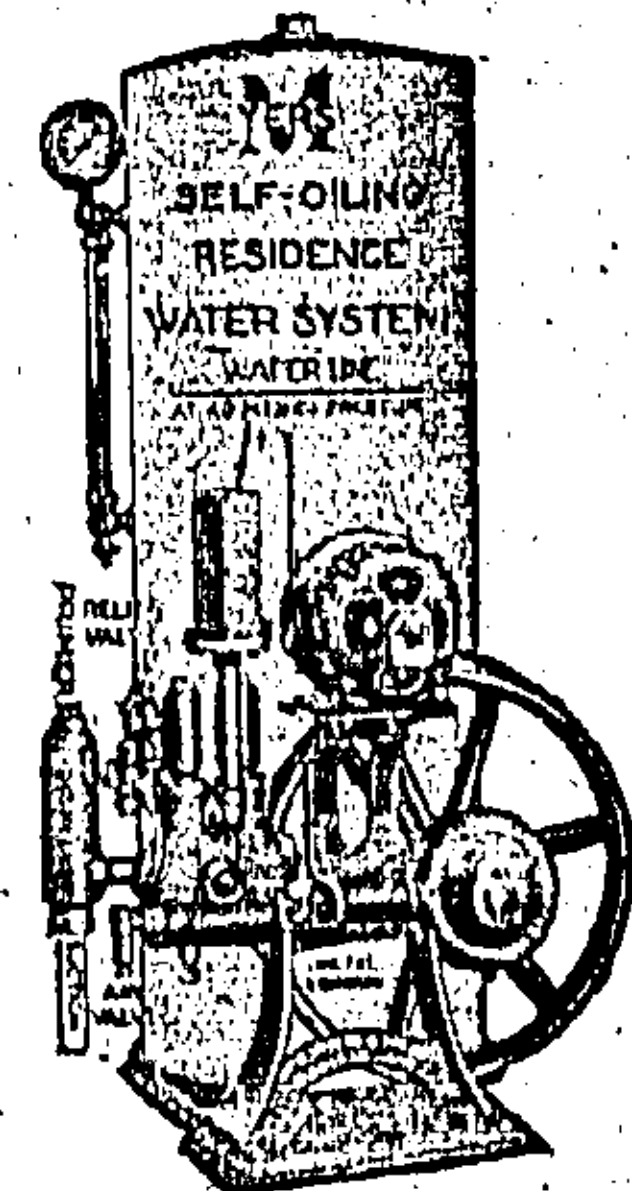


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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

"wet" bar, cannot possibly be a commercially paying concern with the low scale of prices which are charged. It is not intended to be. It exists to serve Service men, not to make money out of them, and it is hoped that many annual subscriptions will be forthcoming in order that the high state of efficiency may be maintained for the benefit of the men to whom we owe so much and for the honour of the Colony.

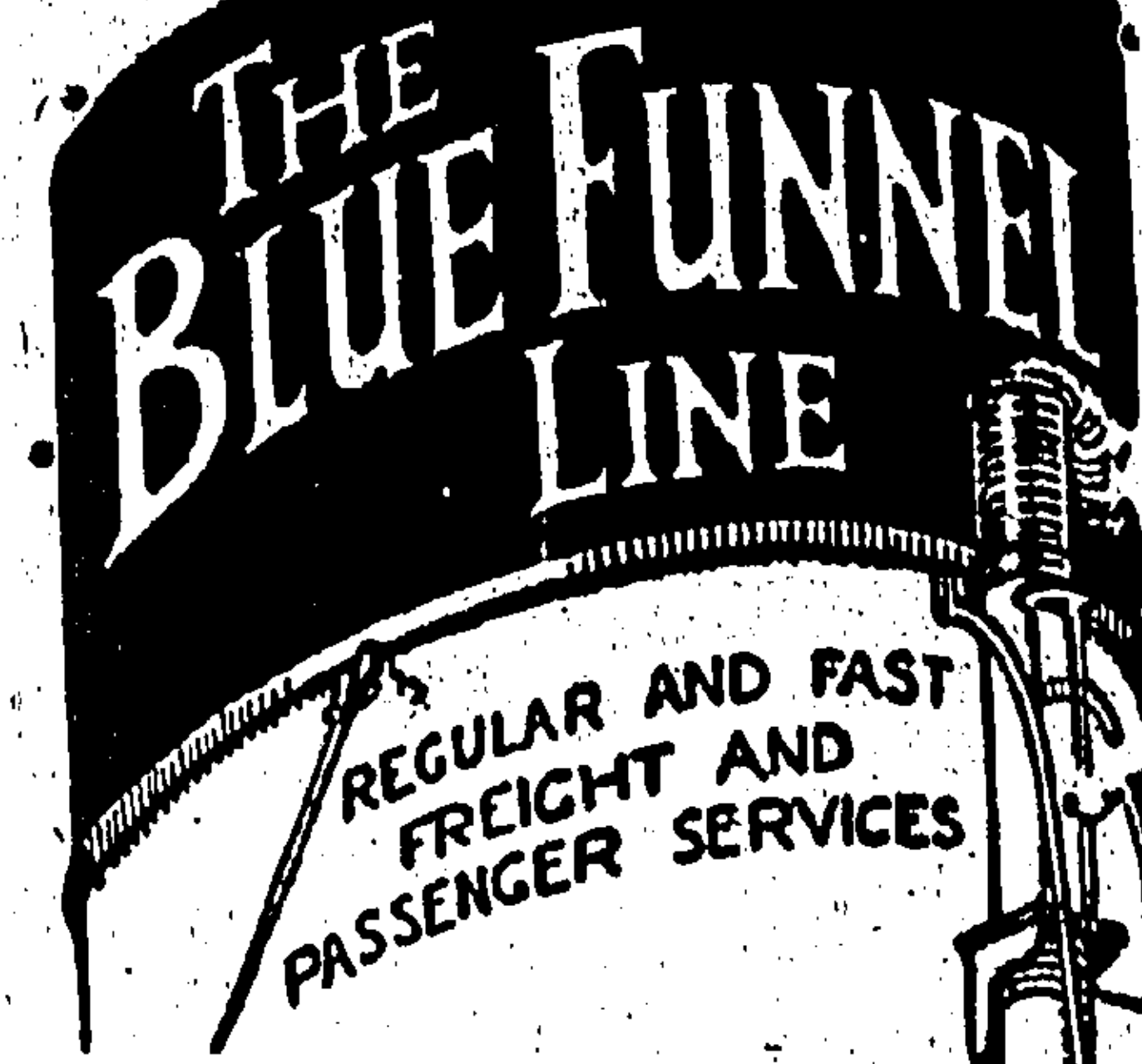
The following is the concert programme:
1. Selections from "The Gondoliers"
(a) "For the merriest fellows are

MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

SUCCUMBS TO TYPHUS IN FAMINE AREA.

Peking, May 8.
The China International Famine Relief Committee report the death of Mr. K. F. G. Petersen, from typhus, at Saratol, Suniyuan. Mr. Petersen belonged to the Swedish Alliance, China Inland Mission, and was directing grain distribution at Suniyuan when he was stricken.—*Reuter.*

we" Mr. Parker and Chorus.
(a) "When a merry maiden marries" Mr. Tinson and Chorus.
(c) "A regular Royal Queen" The Chorus.
Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Davenport Browne, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Hancock, Mr. Annis, Mr. Brock, Mr. Green, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Parker.
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Mrs. Womack and Misses P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, and M. Glendinning.
3. Songs, Mrs. Bellamy.
4. Songs, Mr. Brock.
5. Humorous, Mr. Burnett.
6. The Jockey Dance.
Misses P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, Glendinning.
Interval.
1. "On a January morning in Somersetshire" from "Tom Jones" Mr. Brock and Chorus.
"The Yeomen of England" from "Merrie England" Mr. Green and Chorus.
2. Songs from her repertoire, Miss Woods.
3. Songs, Mr. Green.
4. Two scenes from "Carmen" (a) "The Canonet Bohemian" (Act II.)
Frasquita, Mrs. Davenport Browne.
Mercedes, Mrs. Bellamy.
Carmen, Mrs. Womack.
Zuniga, Mr. Parker.
Morales, Mr. Dormer.
Gipsy Dancing Girl, Miss Rachel Wong.
Gipsy Boy, Miss Phyllis Gittins.
(b) "Tosca" (Act III.)
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SHANTUNG CHANGES.

DEFINITE DATES FOR THE JAPANESE EVACUATION.

Tokyo, May 8.

The evacuation of Shantung has been officially fixed to commence on May 11.

The headquarters of the Third Division will leave Tsinan on May 12 and sail from Taingtao on May 20.

Aircraft attached to the garrison will leave Taingtao on May 12, flying to Japan via Korea in two stages.—Reuter.

THE AFGHAN WAR.

FURTHER SEE-SAW IN THE FIGHTING.

Simla, May 8.

A notable victory for Bacha-I-Saqao is claimed, by Abdur Rahim's capture of the town of Herat, in north-west Afghanistan.

On the contrary, Chulian Nahi, the Afghan ex-Minister at Moscow, on behalf of Amanullah, holds Mazarisharaf, whence Abdur Rahim's famous march on Herat began.—Reuter.

STABBED TO DEATH.

BRITISH SAILOR KILLED AT SHANGHAI.

Hankow, May 8.

Telegraphist J.H. Snow of H.M.S. Tern was stabbed to death when ashore at Shanghai on Sunday. No details are to hand. The body was later recovered by the Chinese Police and handed over to H.M.S. Tern for burial.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

ALONE, ATONE, STONE,
SHONE, SHOTE, SHOTS,
SHOWS, CHOWS, CROWS,
CROWD.

CALDOS TRIAL.

PROSECUTION'S DIFFICULTY WITH WITNESSES.

The difficulty of retaining witnesses for an indefinite period has resulted in an application being made by the Crown for the trial of Jose dos Caldos, on charges of fraud, to be dealt with summarily by the Kowloon Magistrate (Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith), instead of treating the proceedings as committal.

Mr. L. R. Andrews is appearing for the prosecution while the defendant is unrepresented.

At the outset, Mr. Andrews asked his Worship to deal with the case summarily instead of as a committal case. The reason why the Crown were making this application was because there were 30 witnesses yet to be called and they were constantly wandering away, going to Canton or getting married, and the Crown got out of touch of them. If the proceedings dragged on as a committal case the prosecution would lose a lot of their witnesses.

Continuing Mr. Andrews said that on reconsidering the answers given by the last witness, under cross-examination he did not think that that was any indication in favour of the defendant being the dupe. The Crown had evidence, said Mr. Andrews, to show that the defendant was living a very—he might say—fast life at the time that the deposits in dispute were paid in, so that he got the benefit of money paid in although the last witness under cross-examination seemed to indicate that he—

His Worship: Was hard up?

Mr. Andrews: Well, not benefiting him personally.

The last witness, proceeded Mr. Andrews, seemed to indicate that the defendant paid in all the money that he received. There was evidence to show that all the time he was leading a very gay life and the prosecution would say that he was leading this gay life on the strength of the deposits.

Disinterested Witness.

Mr. Andrews reiterated the difficulty the prosecution were having with witnesses and remarked that he thought it would be better to hear the case summarily.

His Worship intimated that he quite agreed. In fact he had decided to do that.

Mr. Andrews pointed out to his Worship that the last witness called by the prosecution had not just anything and was not therefore interested in the case.

His Worship mentioned that the pawing of the mandarin seemed to show that the defendant was out of funds at the time.

Mr. Andrews replied that that answer was from a man who had not lost any money. He did not, however, want to discredit his own witness.

The witness referred to went back into the box for further cross-examination by the defendant.

Answering a question put by Caldos, witness said that he heard the Filipino tell defendant to go to the American Express and make enquiries about the transfer of a sum of money from the Head Office in Manila to the branch firm in Kowloon. Witness did not remember, however, hearing the Filipino telling Caldos to borrow \$200 although witness did go with the defendant to try and raise this sum.

Nothing to Worry About.

His Worship: Where did he go to raise the \$200?

Witness: To defendant's sweet-heart's place.

Continuing to answer further questions witness said that the

CHIANG AND FENG.

NANKING TO DETAIN ALL MUNITIONS.

Shanghai, May 8.

Chinese leaders in both camps continue to give assurances of very friendly relations between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. Nevertheless, the National Government officials have received instructions to detain all munitions and military supplies, even iron and steel, intended for Feng Yu-hsiang and have also issued a circular cancelling all hushaws and permits for the import of munitions issued by Feng Yu-hsiang.—Reuter.

POLITICAL COUNCIL.

MARSHAL CHIANG ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

Nanking, May 8.

The newly-elected Central Political Council held its first meeting this morning, when Chiang Kai-shek was elected chairman.—Reuter.

Filipino told the employees, including the witness and the defendant, not to worry as everything would be alright at the end of the month. Whenever creditors applied for payment of money, the Filipino always detailed the defendant to interview them and ask them to wait for their money.

Witness heard the defendant tell the Filipino that he wanted to resign from the business. In reply to a question as to whether the defendant returned to work even when sick, witness replied that on one occasion the defendant was suffering from injuries received in a fight and had gone back to work as usual.

Questioned about the constant requests of a female for the return of her deposit money, the witness agreed that the defendant had told the Filipino to give back the money and be done with it. The Filipino's only reply was to call the defendant a fool.

Always Called a Fool.

Witness was then cross-examined regarding a deposit of \$100 which the Filipino had demanded from one of the servants. Witness agreed that the defendant was not present when the deposit was taken but witness did not hear Caldos ask the Filipino why he had demanded \$100 instead of \$50. When the defendant became aware of the negotiations with this particular servant he told the Filipino that the procedure was funny but the latter merely called him a fool—in fact, said the witness, the Filipino always called the defendant a fool.

The Filipino told Caldos that if everything was like him the shop would have to close. The defendant told the Filipino that he would get into trouble but the latter replied that he was the manager and as such would take full responsibility.

The defendant cross-examined witness about the Hotel which was to have been opened in Middle Road and also about the waitresses who were to have been employed in the establishment. The Filipino had estimated that there would be one waitress for each room for the convenience of the boarders and in this way they would do very good business.

The defendant had intimated to the Filipino that he disapproved of this method of running a business. The case was adjourned.

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JEYPORE	5,318	15th June	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd June	Bombay, M'los & L'don
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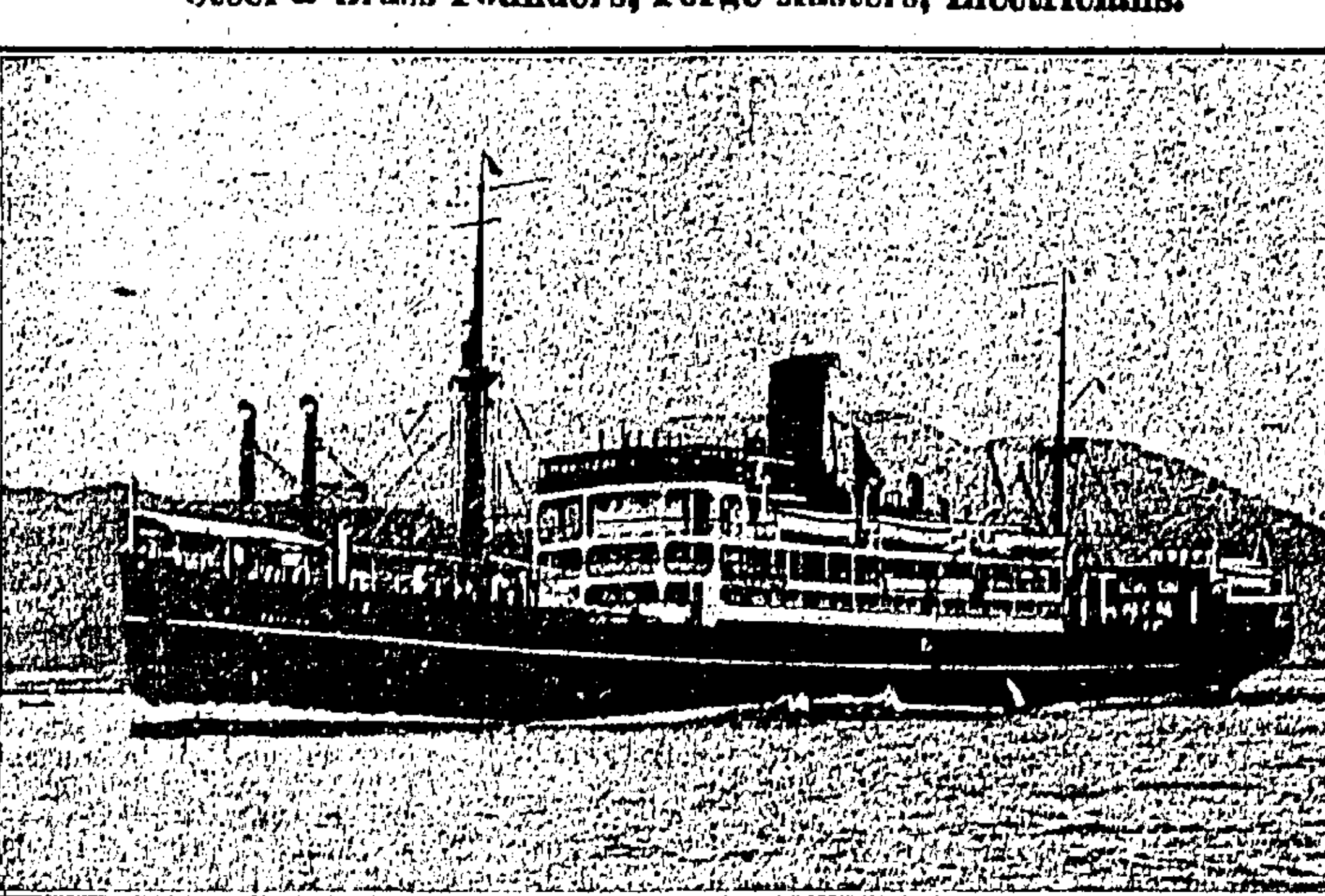
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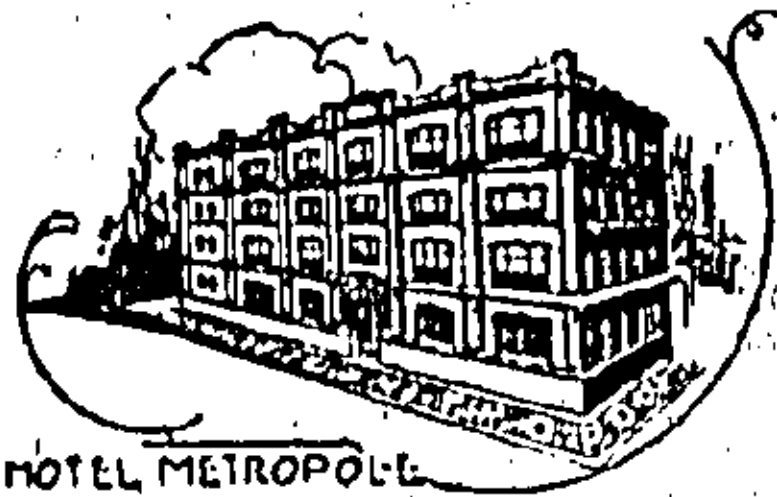
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TREASURY FRAUD ACTION.

LANTERN SLIDES OF TSANG ON-WING'S WRITING.

FOR JURY'S BENEFIT.

When the action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the Government against the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arising out of the Treasury frauds, was resumed before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and a Special Jury in the Supreme Court this morning, Professor Shellshear continued his evidence-in-chief, in the course of which he gave detailed and technical descriptions of Tsang On-wing handwriting.

Witness said he had made an exhaustive study of a number of known genuine cheques bearing Tsang's handwriting which contained certain observable and significant forms of habits. These witnesses described in detail, after which he said that the writing in the bodies of the three disputed cheques showed the same forms and habits as in genuine writing.

With regard to pen pressure, the signatures were more marked on the disputed cheques than the writing in the bodies, but the pressure observable in the bodies of the disputed cheques was similar to that seen on genuine cheques.

The Court later adjourned to his Lordship's chambers, where a screen and projector had been arranged for the purpose of screening, by means of lantern slides, for the jury's benefit, portions of writing to illustrate the points brought out by Professor Shellshear.

The lantern demonstration in the Judge's chambers lasted an hour and three quarters, the Court later adjourning until 2.45.

It is expected that Mr. Eldon Potter will cross-examine Professor Shellshear this afternoon.

NEW BRITISH AIR STATION.

PEMBROKE DOCK TO BE TAKEN OVER.

London, May 8.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that it had now been definitely decided that the Air Ministry should take over Pembroke Dockyard as an Air Station.

The development of this, as of any other air base, had, of course, to be a gradual process. He understood that the Air Ministry were proceeding with preliminary arrangements.—*British Wireless.*

[Pembroke Dockyard and Arsenal were established in 1814. It has an area of 70 acres and has been fortified since 1861.]

CANTON'S FOREIGN COMMISSIONER.

PROBABLE SUCCESSOR TO MR. CHU CHAO-HSIN.

Canton, May 8.

The name of Mr. Chan Chang-luk is mentioned as a possible successor, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, to Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, who resigned last week.

Mr. Chan Chang-luk previously acted as Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton for a short time early in 1928, during the absence in Nanking of Mr. Chu Chao-hsin.

Mr. Chan is at present Commission for Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs at Hoihow.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

DISASTROUS CANTON FIRE.

FIVE HOUSES DESTROYED IN BLAZE.

Canton, May 9.

A disastrous fire occurred last evening in Tong Yue Lane, in the Saikwan district, resulting in the destruction of five houses.

The fire broke out in a brothel at 6.15 p.m. and rapidly spread to other houses of a like character in the vicinity.

Much damage was also done to a shop when one of the houses involved in the fire completely collapsed.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

TO-DAY'S ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

CLOUDY WEATHER A HANDICAP.

JUST A CHANCE OF CLEARER SKY LATER.

SINGAPORE'S LUCK.

The cloudy weather prevailing this afternoon precludes the likelihood of a good view of the solar eclipse, though there have been occasional bright spells during the day which encourage the hope that the phenomenon will not be completely obscured all the afternoon.

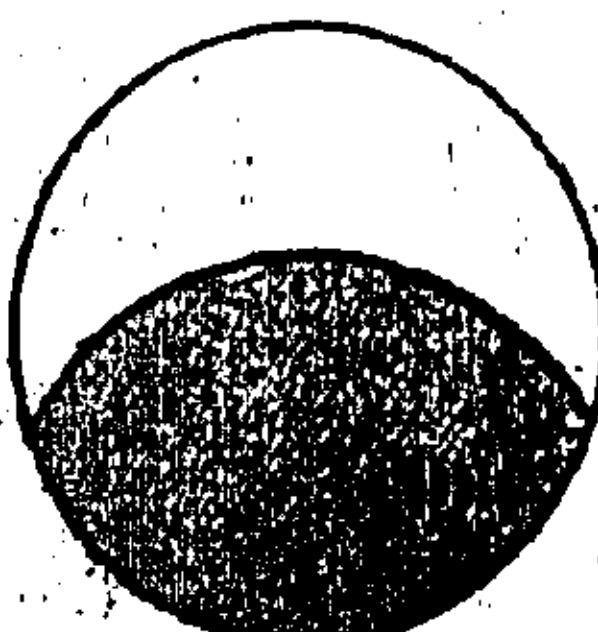
The process of the moon's crossing in front of the sun will take approximately two and a half hours, some part of which has already elapsed.

The actual first contact of the eclipse occurred at 2.05 p.m. this afternoon, and as we go to press, the darkening effect of the moon's shadow is already apparent.

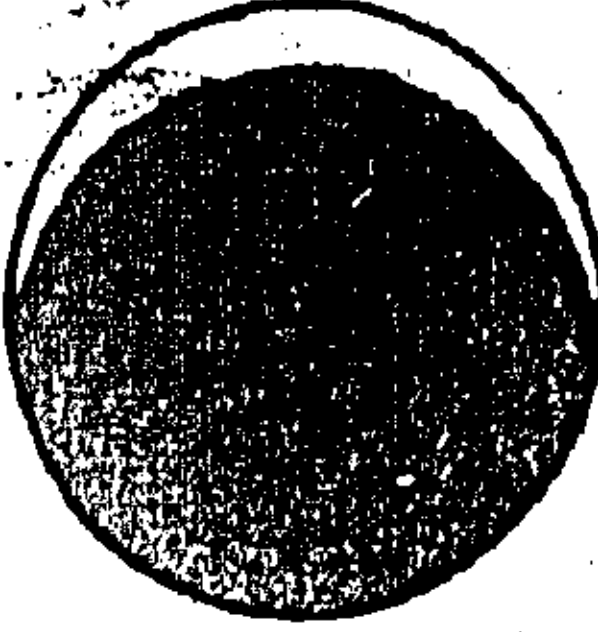
The centre of the eclipse, namely the greatest phase in the obscuring of the sun, as indicated by the diagram, takes place at 3.21 p.m. while the "crossing" will have been completed at 4.31 p.m. when the last contact will be made at angle 147 from the north point of the sun.

As announced in our article on this subject yesterday, no special

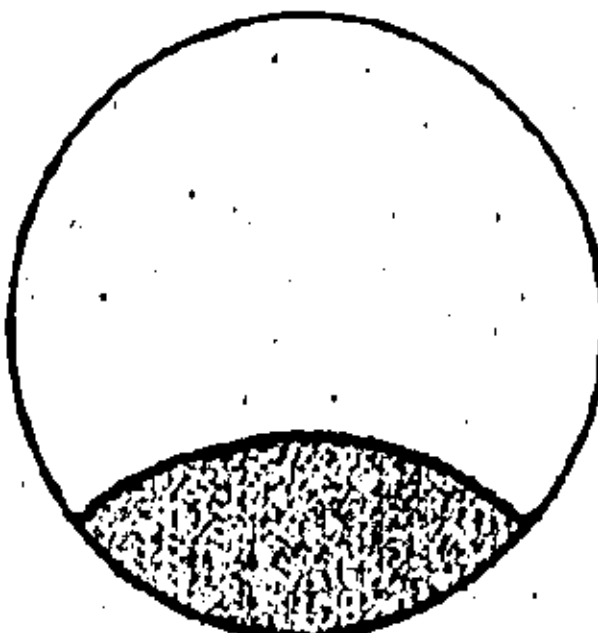
MAXIMUM PHASE OF ECLIPSE.



Hongkong:—0.64 of the diameter covered.



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scientific observations are to be made in Hongkong of the eclipse, but elsewhere very careful preparations have been made.

Singapore Interest.

The total eclipse of the sun today is being eagerly anticipated in Singapore. The whole of Malaya and Singapore is not in the area of totality, but 75 per cent. of the sun will be eclipsed by the moon, and this will be observable from Singapore if conditions are satisfactory.

The Singapore Free Press scientific representative at Alor Star with the British Expedition, yesterday reported that the conditions were most favourable after some days of uncertainty.

Some difficulty has been experienced owing to the heavier instruments sinking into the rain-soaked ground a little.

The British preparations are finished, but the Americans were not ready yesterday owing to their late arrival.

Conditions in Singapore this morning are doubtful.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Scientific Observations.

The greatest concentration of scientists is at Iloilo, where there are two parties from the United States, one from Germany, and one from the Manila Observatory, a Philippines Government institution.

The whole arrangements are in the nature of a gamble against the weather, and in any case, those concerned will have only three and a half minutes in which to take all

VEHEMENT PROTEST IN COURT.

WOULD RATHER BE SHOT THAN GO TO CELLS.

THE BANKNOTE CASE.

The forged banknote case, in which three Northern Chinese and a woman are charged, was to have been heard before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, but owing to the reported sickness of one of the male defendants, the case had to be again adjourned for a week.

As the decision was conveyed to the three remaining defendants, one of them vehemently declaimed against being put back in the cells.

"I would rather be shot than be compelled to endure prison life," he declared, continuing much in the same strain as he was moved out of the Court.

Further trouble was reported as the defendants were being kept under lock and key. The man who voiced such strong feelings in the Court, resisted, and it took the combined efforts of three policemen to move him into the cell.

The woman also wept, while the other male defendant also expressed himself volubly in the Northern dialect.

the photographs they desire, and to gather complete data.

The corona which the scientists are to study is that little-known body which surrounds the sun. Although it is present at all times, it cannot be seen because of the sun's brightness, but when the sun is obscured by the moon it blossoms forth like a brilliant tropical flower. It is probably in the main composed of finely divided matter shot out by the sun, and acted upon by electromagnetic forces. That it is a solid substance is proved by the unresisted passage of comets through the space occupied by its luminous sheath. It varies in shape with the progress of the sunspot period.

Scientists are intensely interested in the corona because they feel that a further study of it might reveal the secrets of the atom and the ultimate structure of the universe. They want to know its chemical composition, its origin, its relation to sun spots and other solar phenomena, its size and the rapidly with which it changes shape. They want to know what coronium, that mysterious gas found only in the sun's corona, consists of—with the hope that acquisition of this secret will reveal a new element such as helium gas, which was first observed in the sun's spectrum.

Stations Established.

The two parties of scientists from the United States are from the United States Naval Observatory in Washington and from the John Hopkins University. The one from Germany is from the University of Hamburg.

The Naval Observatory's expedition is the most completely outfitted of the four groups. This party of astronomers have approximately 28 tons of apparatus. Their equipment includes a huge solar camera with a focal length of 65 feet. They have established their station across the river from Iloilo, on the island of Panay. The party is headed by Commander C. H. J. Keppler, U.S.N. Other members of the expedition are Professor W. A. Cogshall, head of the department of astronomy, University of Indiana; Mrs. Cogshall; Professor Paul A. Sollenberger, astronomer at the Naval Observatory; and Lieut. J. Kellers, medical corps, U.S.N.

The members of the John Hopkins University are Dr. Watenfield, of Baltimore, and Dr. Lloyd, of London, both noted astronomers.

The German scientists from the University of Hamburg are Dr. Walter Baade and Dr. Bernard and Dr. Barnard Schmidt. They have several tons of equipment and have set up their station near Cebu, island of Cebu.

The Manila scientists are Father S. J. Selga, director of the Manila Observatory, and Father Charles E. Deppermann, chief of the seismic and magnetic division of the observatory. Father Selga is in charge of the section at Iloilo and Father Deppermann is in charge of the section at Catmon-Sogod. The

Other Expeditions.

Another American expedition is that of Prof. John A. Miller, of Swarthmore College, who is said to have observed more eclipses than any other scientist. He is established in Sumatra alongside another German group, a Dutch and an Australian group.

Two more German expeditions have put up their instruments in Siam, where two British stations are to operate. On an island south of Cambodia, the French will have their observatory. In addition there will be an Italian expedition at another advantageous site.

Those groups are so scattered along the path of total eclipse that clear photographs and other complete data are certain to be gathered. The weather may go against one group, but another or more expeditions may be spared that discouragement.

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